



GAP OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to **CHRIS BIBY, GAP President for creating our GAP WEB SITE!!!!!!** www.gapofshenco.org
This will provide great, local group information but also helpful, national information regarding Grandparents As Grandparents with links and current, local application forms.

These brochures will be most helpful as Shelia Helsley has been invited to attend the **Diocesan Convention in Virginia of the Episcopal Church** to have at a display in the Main Conference area to speak on behalf of GAP, **November 7, 8, & 9th!!!** These brochures will have the QL Code for easy contributions and we hope this will not only be an informative event but an avenue for GAP contributions. Thank you to **Mother Kathy Murray and Emmanuel Episcopal Church** for providing the transportation, use of the new backdrop from the fair and lodging for the event.

October 2024 -

October 26 Saturday

The Autumn weather has been so kind to us which allowed for a wonderful Halloween celebration at Shelia's house! All the kids had a wonderful time carving and painting pumpkins, face painting, hayrides, bobbing for apples, eating pizza and snacks, and a bag of Halloween goodies given to each child. The children ran around all dressed up and excited. It was wonderful. Every child was happy and another GAP Halloween on the books as a great success! A big THANK YOU to all who helped decorate and to those who contributed in one way or another. Thank you!





October 28 Monday

We had a wonderful GAP meeting which started off with social gathering and soup and sandwiches. **Chris Biby and Heather Ramirez** were our guest speakers from United Bank and talked about the various types of scams, especially during this time of the year. These scammers are very convincing, and they scam you in many ways. From gift cards, fake checks, phone calls, etc. Remember it is easy for them to obtain your name and number and know about you through the internet but they don't have your account numbers and social security numbers unless you provide it to them. Also, make sure you have good passwords for your accounts and don't reuse the same password for different accounts. Using easy passwords and reusing passwords only makes it easy for scammers to hack your accounts. So, ***please be aware and NEVER give out any of your personal information to someone you don't know.*** If at any time you believed you are being scammed, please reach out to: Heather Ramirez or Chris Biby at United Bank 1014 S Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664 or call (540) 459-5050. (Doesn't matter whether you bank there or not, they will help you.) Thank you, Chris and Heather, for bringing this valuable information to our group and offering help should any of our GAP members feel as if they are being scammed!

November 2024

November 18 Monday

GAP meeting will be held from 6pm to 8pm at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 121 E Court Street, Woodstock VA 22664 in the social hall. From 6pm to 7pm we will have social hour and a Baked Potato Bar for our meal. Please bring your favorite toppings to share with the group. Potatoes and drinks will be provided. From 7pm to 8pm the children will meet **Beverly Patton along with students from Central High School Young Life Group** and they will be reading to our grandchildren. After the reading, our grandchildren will be able to choose a book provided by First Readers Organization. And for the adults, **Mandy Roberts will be giving a complete presentation on Narcan** and the importance of having it available and how and when to use. We will need a head count as each adult will be given Narcan and information to take home in case of emergency. **Please contact Lori Conrad by call or text (540) 333-3766 if you plan to attend this meeting.** It is important that we have a head count for Mandy so she will be totally prepared for the amount of people that day. Thank you.

November 23 Saturday

ONLY for those who have signed up on the Thanksgiving Food Box 2024 before the deadline.....Thanksgiving Food pick up will be between the hours of 11am to 1pm at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 122 E Court Street, Woodstock VA 22664. It is of utmost importance that you arrive on time. If you are not able to make it, please have someone else pick it up for you. By 1pm if your food has not been picked up, you will not receive it and your name will be removed for future food boxes. The **Woodstock Lion's Club and members of the West Shenandoah Ruritan Club and others** have worked very hard preparing these boxes and a special thank you to them and everyone who had a part to help GAP families have a nice Thanksgiving dinner for your family. **THANK YOU!** We wish everyone a special memorable Thanksgiving and please remember to either thank the givers on our page or in person. Let's remember it's so important to be thankful not only that day but every day.

Also, at **Shelia's house the same day from 10am to 5pm**, there will be tables set up that have free, yard sale items for GAP families only not the public. There are a WAGON FULL of NEW TOYS still in the wrappers that have been donated to help provide Christmas items for you and your grandchildren. There will also be some items that were left over from our last yard sale. So, come on by and take a look. You just might find that special gift you were looking to get your grandchild.

We'd Love To Have You!!
*Come have Thanksgiving with
God, Family, and Friends*



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
122 EAST COURT STREET, WOODSTOCK
November 28th 4:00 to 6:00
Free to the Public. No Take-Out Please.

EVERYONE - The EMMANUEL FOOD PANTRY is open to all on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am to Noon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the same place as our meetings are held.

December 2024

December 2 Monday

We are looking forward to our December GAP Christmas Party! This is our December meeting and Christmas gathering. You must have signed up to attend before the deadline. We will be meeting at the Art Spot on W. Court Street, Woodstock VA 22664 from 5pm to 8pm. Each child that has been signed up will receive a ceramic to paint. We will be having pizza for dinner and a Christmas reading from Mother

Kathy Murphy from Emmanuel Episcopal Church. And if we have all been good, we will be receiving a visit from a jolly Ole fellow with a red suit and long white beard. That's right!!!! SANTA 🎅
If you would like to bring cookies, cake, candy or juice boxes for the kids, that would be very much appreciated. Please contact Lori Conrad or Shelia Hesley if you plan to bring a snack. We have approximately 80 people attending. This is going to be a wonderful event. Please know that an event like this requires and lot of support and planning from the Community and Civic Groups not to mention our Party PLANNERS. Please take the time to thank them for all they do to make our GAP Family as GREAT as it is!!!

December 6

WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST GAP CHRISTMAS FLOAT IN THE WOODSTOCK CHRISTMAS PARADE on December 6!! Lots of planning and work by Tina and Travis Baker, Rosemary Allison, Mandy Roberts, Rita and Charlie Johnson!!! Details will be coming but please save the evening to PARTICIPATE!!!! FUN!!!! Please watch for the post and add your names!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join in heartfelt prayers to our GAP members with health issues, anxieties, and healings of both grandparents and grandchildren. We ask you to pray for the following people: Donna Lambert for healing. Sally Smith as she undergoes surgery on December 2, 2024. Beth Fox's father for healing. Elliott Ramey for continued healing. In Jesus name we pray and lift you up for He is our Almighty Healer. AMEN! Should you have any prayer request, send a text to Lori Conrad and they will be announced at meetings and newsletters and Facebook GAP page.

JOHN 3:16

For God so loves the world that He gave His only begotten son. That whomsoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone in our community who has donated or helped our GAP families throughout this year 2024. Thank you and God Bless You and yours. ❤️

THIS NEWSLETTER IS APPROVED BY SHELIA HELSLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF GAP OF [SHENCO](#) AND COLLECTED BY LORI CONRAD.

