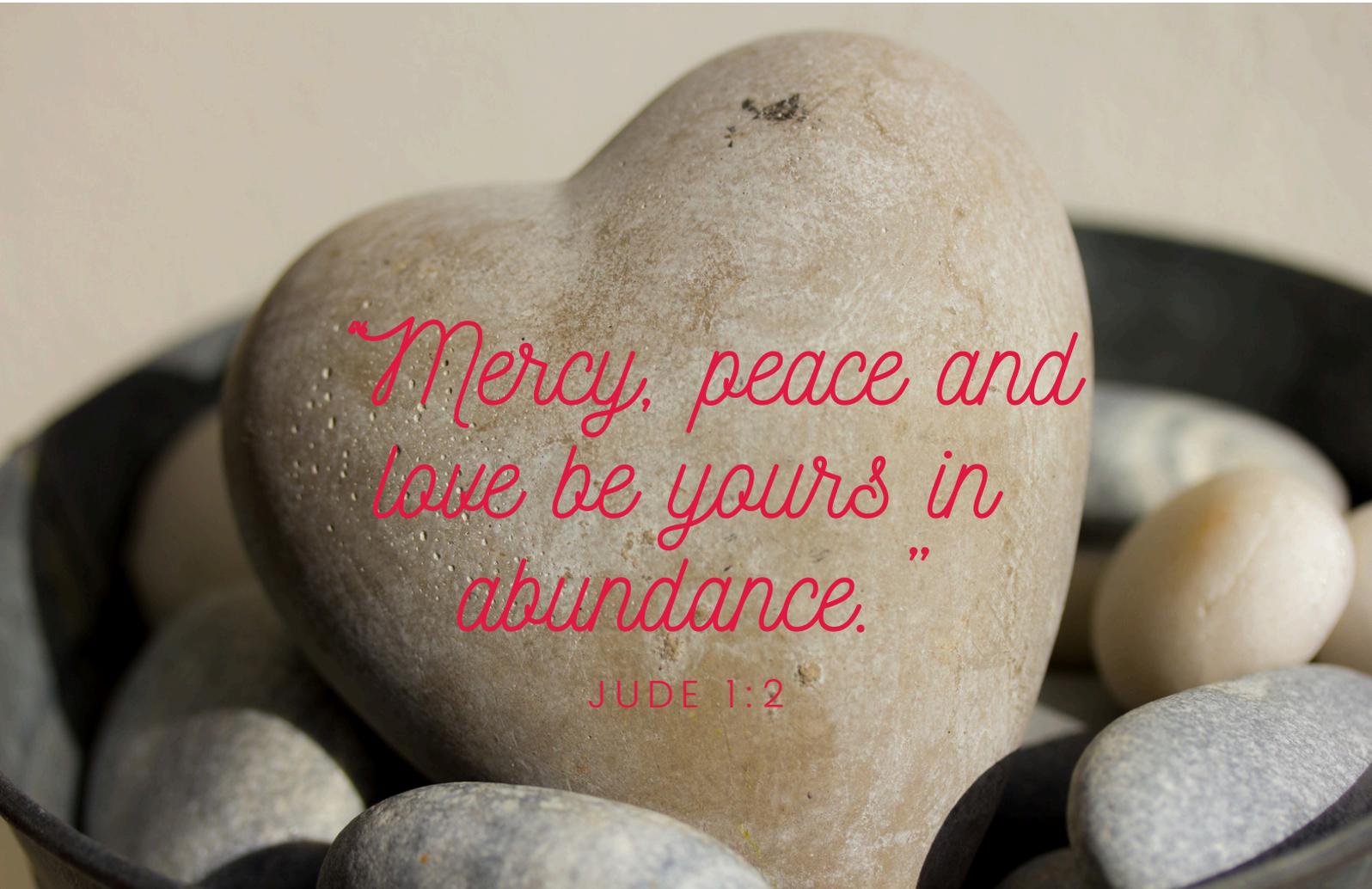




THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



*"Mercy, peace and
love be yours in
abundance."*

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Mark's Minute



The other morning, when I left for my morning walk, it was 11 degrees outside! A morning walk like that (for me) calls for a long-sleeved shirt, a fleece jacket, a winter coat, thick fleece pants, my Steelers knit/fleece hat, gloves and thick fleece socks. Believe me, I am all “layered up”, as I suspect many of you are during this time of year!

Colossians 3:12 reminds us to “clothe ourselves with compassion” and 1 Peter 5:5 tells us to “clothe ourselves with humility.” When people meet you for the first time, what is their first impression? Do they see your “layers” of compassion, and do they see your “layers” of humility? Compassion is a character trait that puts the needs of others above our own selfish needs and desires. Humility is the opposite of pride; it, too, is a selfless expression. These two things are in direct contrast with what our culture often clothes itself with... layers upon layers of selfishness and pride. Do people see your “Christian clothing” or your “cultural clothing” when they look at you?

What do people see when they come to our church for the first time? What is their first impression of us? Do they see “layers of compassion”? Do they see “layers of humility”? My hope and prayer is that they see a group of folks who embody Romans 13:14: “Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus.” When visitors walk into our lobby, are we showing them we that we are clothed with the Lord Jesus? When they walk into a new Sunday school class are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When they walk into our Wednesday night fellowship meals, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When students walk into our youth ministry are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When children come into our children’s programs are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When people step foot in our nursery are we clothed with the Lord Jesus?

My point is this: what is their first impression? I pray that they see Jesus in who we are and in everything we do. Any business executive, any motivational speaker, any interview trainer will tell you the same thing: The first impression is critical to your success. I would take that a step further and say that the first impression that we, as a church, project could very easily be the difference between someone accepting Jesus as Savior.... OR...never stepping foot in a church again.

So, Shalom, let's make sure that we are “layering” up all year long... with compassion, with humility...and with the Lord Jesus!

In Him,
Pastor Mark





Shut-In of the Month:

Doc Wright

7380 Lexington Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please remember Doc this month by sending him a card. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we care.



Meet our Deacon for the month of February:

Doug Tomlin



From the Office

- Church Council will meet Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Entries for the March newsletter are due Wednesday, February 19th.
- In the event of inclement weather, our schedule will follow the Hanover County School System. If schools are cancelled or close early, our church activities for that day will be cancelled. The church leadership will make a decision regarding Sunday services. Notices will be broadcast through our Call-Em-All system, Constant Contact, Shalom's website and Facebook page and the local news channel.



February 5th
TACO BAR

February 12th
CHICKEN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

February 19th
SWEDISH MEATBALLS

February 26th
MEATLOAF

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children
\$15.00 per family

Each week reservation cards will be in the bulletin. Please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation **by 3:00pm Monday** and leave a message.



Valentine Breakfast



Saturday, February 15, 2025
9:00 am



Come and join us on February 15th for breakfast. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day and remembering the One who first loved us, sacrificed and saved us. But why? Because He is love and He loves you above all. You are His child, and you are His creation. You are unique and have been created in the way that pleases Him. You are precious in His sight. May you rest in the assurance that you are held in the Master's hand. May you seek to serve and please Him. Breakfast begins at 9:00 am. We hope to see you there.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."
1 John 4:7



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The Sisters in Service Circle meets Monday, February 10th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom.
The Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm at the home of Lori Glass.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9th. Sunday School classes are collecting cans of soup (pop-top preferred) through February 9th. Classes are vying for the world renowned "Golden Soup Can" trophy! Collected soup will go to our food pantries.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 15th: Casserole Ministry Launch

February 16th: Women's Day

May 3rd: Mother's Day Tea





KIDS CORNER

Winter Fest

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Inflatables | Hotdogs | Fun | Fellowship

2 pm-5 pm

The children's ministry will have a bake sale to raise money for CentriKid camp this summer. If you would like to donate a baked good please have it to the church no later than 1:00 pm on February 22nd.

SAVE THE DATE

CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH



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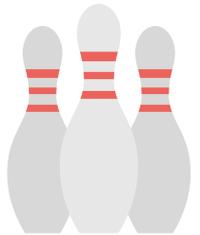
JUNE 23RD-27TH



& Youth

BOWLING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST



Lock-in

MARCH 7TH-8TH

Children & Youth sponsored

TALENT SHOW & Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Everyone is invited to share a talent. If you are interested in sharing a talent, please contact Kathy Seay by February 19th, 2025.





In order to keep our children safe on Sunday mornings, we have recently started keeping the double doors closed and locked at the end of the children's hallway (near the fellowship hall/youth room). Please help us by making sure you don't leave those doors propped open or unlocked if you have a key.

Senior Adults

Coffee & Donuts Gathering

Thursday, February 20th

10:00 am

Fellowship Hall



Strength in the Journey

Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost their spouse and are seeking the support of others navigating a different path in this life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on

Monday, February 17th at 2:00 pm at Shalom.

Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour and "Just Breathe". For details, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 24th

7:00 pm



The Cancer Support Group meets every **4th TUESDAY** of the month at

11:00 am.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th

11:00 am





Tellers Needed

If you are a church member and you are looking for a place to serve, please consider our Tellers Ministry. Your job would be to count offerings received at the two services on Sunday morning. This would be done after the 11:00 service one Sunday a month and one fifth Sunday a year. If you cannot commit to a year, consider being an alternate, which means you would be available to count if someone on a regular team is unable to count on their assigned Sunday. If interested or need more information, please contact Dawn Tyree at 804-839-0969 or alto6752@comcast.net.

The next time you are at the grocery store, pick up an extra bottle of laundry detergent for Christian Village. You can place laundry detergent in the blue cart located outside of the Fellowship Hall.



MOMENTS OF HOPE OUTREACH

Moments of Hope: Walk for the Coldest Night
Saturday, February 22nd
2300 Dumbarton Road Richmond, VA
Please see Faye Cosby or Brenda Shalowitz if interested.



International Mission Trip to India August 12th-19th

If interested there will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, February 9th** during He'Brews Cafe'.





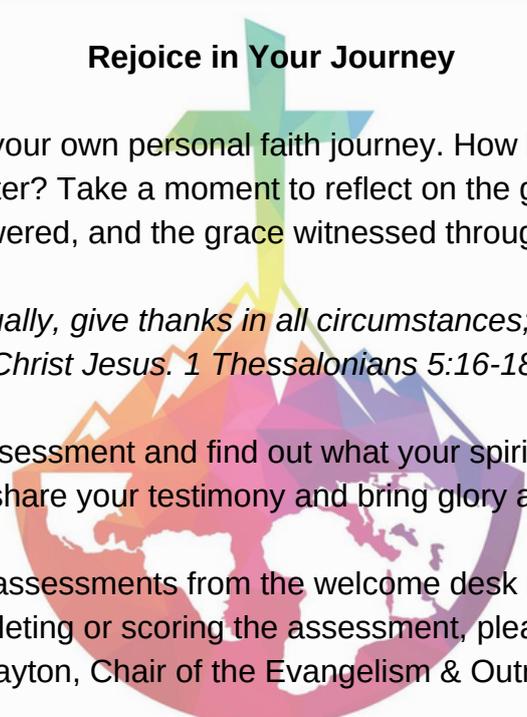
Rejoice in Your Journey

Take a moment to reflect on your own personal faith journey. How has leaning into God's wisdom changed your life for the better? Take a moment to reflect on the growth you have experienced, the prayers answered, and the grace witnessed throughout these days.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Complete a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and find out what your spiritual gifts are and how you can serve God and share your testimony and bring glory and honor to God.

You can pick up Spiritual Gift assessments from the welcome desk in the church lobby. If you need help or have questions completing or scoring the assessment, please contact one of our Shalom staff or Cindy Clayton, Chair of the Evangelism & Outreach committee.



February Anniversaries

14th Bobby & Virginia Ryan
Wallace & Darlene Taylor
20th Paul & Bonnie Fleming
25th Jason & Tracy Nolan
Bo & Daniela Robins
27th Roy & Katherine Taylor



February Birthday's

1st	Ken Hein	14th	Marcus Dean
2nd	Lou Bourne	16th	Gerry Ford
	Leisa George		Elaine Rush
3rd	Madison Dickason	17th	Darlene Grubbs
5th	Kimber Applewhite		Bob Major
	Bonnie Fleming		Gail Stowers
	Donna Gammon	18th	Jim Glass
6th	Donna Seay		Kathy Seebeck
	Tim Stanley	20th	Ken Cliborne
	Darlene Taylor	21st	Bob Wilkinson
7th	Janet Smith	22nd	Mica Clayton
8th	Easton Kelly	23rd	Courtland Lambert
10th	Parker Byrd		Maggie Miller
12th	Tony Bentley	25th	Bert Childress
	Janice Booth	26th	Tiffany Agee
	Jim Harris		Jane Nelson
	Pam Schools	28th	Cathy Childress
13th	Christy Lane		Carol Herndon
	Tracy Nolan		
	Terry Woodson		

February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Worship 9:20am He/Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal 3:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (A. Butler) 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	27 Lifeline Screening (Fellowship Hall Reserved) 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 11:00am Cancer Support Group Meeting 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	29 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program (CA Awards) 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 Youth Bowling
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