

OCTOBER 2024

THE MESSENGER

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Caleb Rustchak – 1
Gabriel Rustchak – 1
Wendy Patten – 11
Jana Hubner – 26
Eric Martin – 28
Shawn Brody - 31

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 6

Mark 3:22-30

October 13

Mark 9:38-10:1

October 20

Mark 10:32-34

October 27

Mark 13:1-23

During the month of October, Aaron will be preaching a series entitled "Crucial Questions" from the Gospel of Mark.

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

The presidential election is almost upon us and one comment that I hear quite frequently is—"I don't like any of my choices." Maybe a few folks on either side whole-heartedly support one candidate or the other but most seem disappointed and torn about their options. That seems to be a common state of affairs these days. And there's a few conclusions I would draw from that experience as we try to be God's people together.

First, I would advise all of us to be gentle and open-minded when dealing with people who are voting differently than us. I know some folks who have strong opinions. They say, "Well, if you're a Christian, you simply must vote for X." But I tend to agree with Pope Francis, who made the comment recently that neither candidate for president really lines up neatly with the positions of Jesus. You say, "But Pastor, what about abortion?" And it's true, one candidate supports abortion rights while the other (somewhat half-heartedly) opposes them. But being pro-life is about so much more than abortion. It's about how those children will be fed and clothed and educated after they are born. It's about protecting them from gun violence. It's about welcoming the stranger. It's about making sure people have access to health care. There are all sorts of positions that candidates take which may or may not play into our calling as followers of Christ. And I for one do not believe it is as simple as reducing it down to one issue.

So whenever I hear somebody who is voting for the other candidate, I do not condemn them as evil or ignorant. I do not make disparaging comments about them or question whether they are truly Christian. I try to grant them the same respect I wish to be given, which is an assumption that they are making the best choice they can based on their prayers and their faith. That mutual respect has almost totally eroded in our current society. And it may give us moral satisfaction to belittle those with whom we disagree. But at the very least, even if we do not agree on a candidate, we in the church can model a civil way of interacting with one another. The choices may not be great but we can show the world a different way of living when we are united around the only One who truly offers us hope—Jesus.



PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 6-31

Mon-Fri 5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am-6:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm-6:00pm

October 5 (Unloading) - 1:30pm

Fall is quickly approaching, and we are so excited for another year of reaching our community with the pumpkin patch! This year sign-ups for pumpkin sales volunteers will be done through sign up genius as well as on the bulletin board by the front desk. The link is included in the weekly announcements emails. If you have any questions about volunteering for pumpkin sales, please contact the main office.

Our pumpkin delivery is set for Saturday October 5th at 1:30pm. We welcome all volunteers; we have a job for everyone!

Our annual fall festival is Saturday October 26th from 4-6pm. We are looking for at least 10 volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy for the Trunk or Treat portion of the festival. Please email hcostas@talbotparkpreschool.org or call the church office if you are interested in participating. This year there will be a bounce house, petting zoo, tractor rides and more.



We are excited for the return of our Chili Cookoff during the fall festival on Saturday, October 26th at 4:00pm. There will be entry forms on the information table by the conference room. Detailed instructions will be emailed following your entry. There will be first, second, and third place prizes. We look forward to the taste test!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

During the month of October, we will continue our Wednesday night dinners and study time in the Social Hall. As always, bring your own dinner. We will eat at 5:30pm and discuss afterwards.



VCC RUMMAGE SALE

Virginia Children's Chorus is accepting donations for their annual Rummage Sale to be held in the parking lot at TPBC on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00-1:00. Cleaning Out? Deciding whether to Donate or Keep? Donate your gently used goods from now until Tuesday, October 15.

We sell house goods, appliances & electronics in working order, toys, books, trinkets, tools, furniture, costume jewelry & fashion accessories, Halloween costumes, holiday decorations, etc. All items should be clean and in working order and no clothing accepted except Halloween costumes.

Please, no old TV's or computer monitors. Call the VCC office (757-440-9100) to drop items on a weekday or during our rehearsals on Monday or Tuesday evenings at TPBC. Please call Grace Parkinson at the office about donating large items such as furniture. Thank you for your help to make our 14th rummage sale fundraiser another success!



We are looking forward to an exciting fall! We have had a great first full month of our new school year and we are excited to have picture day coming up next week! There will be some awesome events planned over the month of October! We hope to see you all there!

Holly Costas

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27th. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the meeting will begin at 12:45pm. Lunch will be announced in the Sunday bulletins, sign up by October 18th on the sign up sheet in the hallway.

DINNER AND A CONCERT

On Saturday, October 5th, everyone is invited to a dinner in the Social Hall at 5pm. Following dinner, there will be entertainment from the gospel group *Heaven Bound*. Cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling the office no later than September 30.

The menu is:

- Roasted Pork Loin
- Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes
- Broccoli Salad
- Yeast Rolls
- Various Desserts

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are with the family and friends of Ron Cooper who died on September 14th. There will be a service at the church on October 4th at 4pm with a reception to follow.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee is sponsoring Thanksgiving boxes to provide food for families in need. The boxes will be distributed by the Storehouse Ministry in East Ocean View. Boxes and lists of needed items will be available beginning Sunday, October 20. They need to be returned by November 17 so they can be distributed before Thanksgiving day. Turkeys will be purchased by the Missions Committee funds.

Box of mashed potatoes
Canned cranberries
Canned sweet potatoes
Cake mix
2 cans of green beans
Canned frosting
2 cans of corn
French fried onions
Stuffing
Cornbread mix
Canned gravy
Mac and Cheese
Cream of Mushroom soup



You can add extra things that you think would make their day special!

WOMENS GROUP

The Talbot Park women will meet on the first Sunday of the month (October 6) in the Social Hall immediately after Sunday School for a pot luck and discussion. Bring a dish and come get to know each other. See you there!

CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, October 19, we will have a time to clean out areas of the church. We will meet at 9am. Breakfast will be provided. We will be done no later than Noon. Bring your gloves and wear work clothes and come out to help us spruce up Talbot Park.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 10:00am Book Group	<i>2</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 4:00pm Memorial Service for Ron Cooper	<i>5</i> 1:30pm Pumpkin Unloading 5:00pm Dinner & Concert
<i>6</i> 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 10:00am Book Group 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>9</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Office Closed <i>Columbus Day</i>	<i>15</i> 10:00am Book Group	<i>16</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 9:00-12:00 Clean-up Day
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10:00am Book Group	<i>23</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>24</i> 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 9:00-1:00 VCC Rumage Sale 4:00 - 6:00 Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff
<i>27</i> 12:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting 4:30pm Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 10:00am Book Group 2:15pm Birthday Club @ OceanAir	<i>30</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>31</i> HAPPY HALLOWEEN 		