

OCTOBER 2025

THE MESSENGER

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Caleb Rustchak – 1
Gabriel Rustchak – 1
Wendy Patten – 11
Henry Costas – 21
Jana Hubner – 26
Eric Martin – 28
Shawn Brody - 31

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 5

Galatians 6:11-18

October 12

Ephesians 6:18-24

October 19

Philippians 4:10-23

October 26

I Thessalonians 5:12-28

During the month of October, Aaron will be preaching a series entitled "In Conclusion" using the last words of Paul's New Testament letters.

By now, most of you have heard the news that I have offered my resignation as pastor of Talbot Park, with my last Sunday as November 16. As I said in my letter to the congregation, it was not an easy decision but I do think it's the best one and not just for myself. My genuine hope is that I leave Talbot Park at a time when things are going well and while the church still has the capacity to make some important decisions about the future. As much as I've enjoyed my tenure here, it's time for the next chapter.

Too often, I have seen pastors delay their departure until the "perfect time." No such time exists. There will always be challenges to overcome, no matter when a pastor leaves. But when a pastor stays too long, it prevents the congregation from functioning healthily on its own. I may be one of a kind (in a variety of ways!), but I am not indispensable. It is gratifying to hear the kind words that many of you have offered over the last days and weeks since I announced I was leaving. But there was a Talbot Park before I came. There will be a Talbot Park after I go. And I want the Talbot Park after I go to be the most loving, most faithful congregation it can be.

I've made plenty of mistakes as your pastor. But I want to leave you in the strongest possible position to grow and thrive. For that, as much as my own personal reasons, I felt like this was the best time to step away. I hope that you will see my leaving not just as a sad time but as an opportunity to dream about what is next. I may not be with you in person but I will continue to pray for the people of Talbot Park and your mission to serve Christ.



PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 27-31

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

Saturdays 10:00am-6:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm-6:00pm

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 annual fall festival is Saturday October 25th 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, face painting, and more.



We are excited for the return of our Chili Cookoff during the fall festival on Saturday, October 25th 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 18 from 9:00-2:00. Cleaning Out? Deciding whether to Donate or Keep? Donate your gently used goods from now until Monday, October 13.

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 15th rummage sale fundraiser another success!



Preschool News

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 26th. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the meeting will begin at 12:45pm. The lunch is \$10.00 per person, please make your lunch reservations no later than Monday, October 20th.

The menu is:

- Turkey Tetrazzini with Penne Noodles (no mushrooms)
- Creamed Peas
- Caesar Salad
- Various Desserts

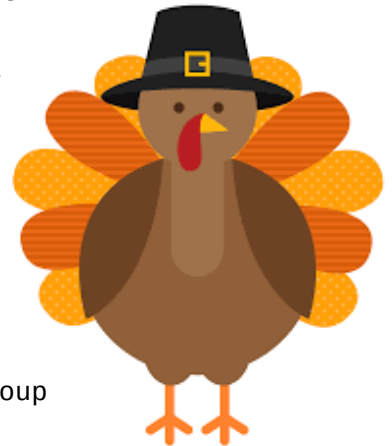
BAPTISM & CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday, October 19, we will observe the baptism of Henry Costas and the dedication of Samantha Chappell during our morning worship service.

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. Lists of needed items will be available beginning Sunday, October 19. They need to be returned by November 16 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 5) 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!



October 2025



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