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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24
10:00 am

Procession of Palms
&
Reception of
New Members



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 28
7:00 p.m.

Footwashing Ceremony
&
The Lord's Supper



Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31
10:00 a.m

Easter Cantata
&
One Great Hour of Sharing
mission offering



Lenten Art Show



Have you created, or acquired, something that moves and inspires your soul? Perhaps a photograph, a painting, a quilt, a sculpture, or some other art form.

Or maybe the words within a quote, poem, or scripture passage have touched you in a powerful way.

Whatever it may be, we hope you'll consider including this special item in the 2024 Lenten Art Show to be displayed in the sanctuary.

Our artistic coordinator, Marsha Wallace, would like to receive all submittals no later than March 10. To correspond with Marsha, contact her at either quagmire_dell@cox.net or 757-285-9072.

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 10



Never place a period where God places a comma.
God is still speaking.

The History & Beliefs of the United Church of Christ



Are you thinking about joining LCCC, but aren't very familiar with the United Church of Christ? Have you been a member for years, but still have some questions about our denomination? Do you feel you have a fairly strong grasp of the UCC, but wouldn't mind a little refresher course? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you're in luck!

On two consecutive Sundays in March, Pastor Phil will offer a brief review of some of the key components of our denomination. The focus for each week will include:

- ♦ Mar. 10 - a brief history of the UCC and LCCC.
- ♦ Mar. 17 - the beliefs and structure of the UCC.

These sessions will be offered immediately after the worship service within the sanctuary.

While these sessions may be especially beneficial for anyone considering joining the church, they are not a prerequisite for doing so. Regardless of the length of one's association with the church, **ALL** are welcome to attend!

Reception of New Members
March 24

Anyone desiring to unite with Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, please speak with Pastor Phil by March 17th



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering

to be received

**Easter Sunday
March 31**

*"Let me tell you why you are here You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world ... Keep open house; be generous with your lives."
(Matthew 5:13-16, The Message)*

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I love Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of these verses in Matthew 5, and the clear commission they give to show up brightly in the world and be generous with our lives. That is the invitation extended in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing theme, Share the Light.

The scriptures tell us that huge crowds were gathering, drawn to Jesus by his teachings and the miracles of healing he performed. So, Jesus climbed a hill, and delivered his "sermon on the mount" to an audience captivated by his message and ways. He offered them blessings, affirming them in ways probably no one had before.

Then he described a life of discipleship characterized by prayer, humility, love of one's enemies, and a steady practice of being 'salt and light,' generously sharing the goodness of God in all the world.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a beautiful opportunity to do just that. When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. We offer hope to people forced to flee their homes in search of safety and new promise.

We support life-giving recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities and lives. We empower partners worldwide in their labors to build sustainable futures. We plant seeds of peace where war has multiplied despair and destruction.

Our communities and world need these blessings so very much right now. Our role as faithful light-bearers carries a witness of love and hope and persevering possibility that counteracts the cynicism, hatred, and hopelessness that are all too prevalent in this moment.

Thank you for 'bringing out the God-colors in the world' by generously sharing your OGHS gifts. This is why we are here: to be shining witnesses of uncommon love and enduring hope and to be generous with our lives.

Grateful for you,

The Rev. Shari Prestemon,
Acting Associate General Minister and
Co-Executive of Global Ministries
United Church of Christ



City Representative Shares Housing Information with Just Action Group

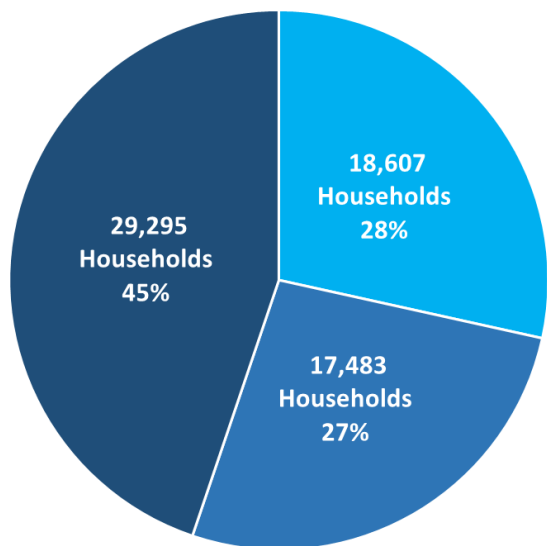
LCCC’s Just Action Group recently met with Karen Prochilo, the Housing Development Administrator for Virginia Beach. Below is some information received during that meeting.

Virginia Beach Statistics (2022)

Population: About 456,000 with slow annual growth rate of 3/10th of 1% , about 1,300 people per year.

Households: About 180,000 with average annual growth rate (2000-2022) of 7/10ths of 1%, an increase of 1,200 households/year
Only 3 out of 10 households have minor children present.

Cost Burdened Renters (2022)



- Severely Cost Burdened: Pay 50% or more of income on rent.
- Cost Burdened: Pay 30-49.9% of income on rent.
- Not Cost Burdened: Pay less than 30% of income on rent.

36,090 renters are cost burdened, which is 55% of all renter households

Affordable Housing Challenges

1. Development
 - Rising Land Costs
 - Rising Construction Costs
 - Re-zoning Process Takes Time and Increases Cost
2. Projects
 - Political / Public Support of Location
 - Fear of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) by Developers
3. Generally
 - Think differently about affordable housing

How is Virginia Beach Currently Supporting Affordable Housing Development

- Changes to City Code
- Building &/or Cost sharing on infrastructure,
- Reduced parking requirements,
- Sale of land,
- Project-based vouchers commitments (help with federal tax credit support)
- “Gap” Financing w/ federal funds

How to Become an Advocate for Affordable Housing?

- **Learn:** Have a general understanding of our city’s housing issues
- **Share:** Engage with people about why affordable housing is important to you
- **Support Local Initiatives and Events:** Join organizations or attend events that highlight the importance of housing for all
- **Contact your Legislators:** They count on hearing from you on issues that matter the most

From Palm Branches to Ashes



Crock Pot Cook-Off



All the Choices



The Dessert Table



2024 Golden Laden Winners:
Sarah Harshe & Chris Dryor



New Kitchen Valance

Our Women's Fellowship would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to Cathy Combs for creating a beautiful new valance for the church kitchen. With her sewing skills, she has brought new life to a previously boring window. If you're anywhere near the kitchen, we recommend you stop in to admire this lovely new addition. Thank you, Cathy, for sharing your amazing talent with us!



Birth Announcement



Leo Aversa is proud to announce the birth of his little brother, **Jude Andrzej Aversa**. Jude was born on February 1 at 11:03pm, weighing 7 lbs, 2 oz. His middle name is Polish for Andrew, named after his Polish great grandfather (Kaitlyn's grandfather) who survived a Nazi concentration camp and immigrated to the US to start a new life.

Moms, Lauren and Kaitlyn, are doing well and have scheduled Jude's baptism for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.



Looking Ahead

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| Sat. Apr. 13 | Plant Sale & Flea Market
9 am to 2 pm |
| Sun. Apr. 28 | Special Congregational Meeting |
| Sun. May 12 | Mother's Day |
| Sun. May 19 | Pentecost Sunday and
Baptism of Jude Andrzej Aversa |

What I Appreciate Most About Lynnhaven Colony UCC

At a fellowship gathering in January, those in attendance were asked to write down three things they appreciate most about LCCC. Below are some of the responses we received. Duplicate responses are only listed once due to space restrictions.

- Friendly, welcoming, caring
- People are interesting, curious, kind, and funny.
- Members are kind, smart, and forgiving.
- Special events: Luau, English Tea, Dinner for 8.
- Open and Affirming.
- Dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness.
- Social justice.
- Opportunities to serve and help others.
- Feeding the homeless.
- Our pastor.
- Relatable, applicable message.
- Spec. services: Children's Pageant, Christmas Eve
- Online access to the service.
- The music program.
- Informality and relaxed atmosphere.
- Traditions with an openness to new ones.
- A community of seekers.
- Openmindedness on all fronts.
- Educational classes.
- Opportunities to learn and grow spiritually.
- The member centered leadership of the church.
- Closeness to nature.



March Birthdays

March 1	Emily Bustria
March 2	Sue Poe, Sue Harsche
March 5	Phoebe Pacleb
March 7	Jean Muehlen
March 11	Scott Dean
March 20	Susan Williams
March 21	Karen Muldoon
March 24	Dean Englert; Jeanne Zammataro
March 27	Tosh Cohoon
March 28	Paige Barrow
March 29	Megan Weber
March 30	Sarah Cohoon Meadows

March Anniversaries

March 14	Bill and Cynthia Burleson
March 30	Tracey and Chuck Halman

The Women's Fellowship will be selling Lilies again this year to be displayed at Easter. If you would like to provide one or more, please fill out the form on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and put it in the offering plate or on the church secretary's desk.

Publication Deadlines

Weekly Email:

Send to Pastor Phil by end of Wednesday

Weekly Bulletin:

Send to Stephanie Vega by end of Thursday

Liturgist Announcement:

Send to Pastor Phil by end of Thursday
(if already in bulletin, not needed)

Monthly Newsletter:

Send to Stephanie Vega by the 21st of each month



Please don't forget to order flowers for the altar!

The arrangement will be designed by Helga Macko Florist and are absolutely gorgeous. The cost is \$50 and you get to take the flowers home to enjoy. Just please return the vase to the narthex after your week or so of enjoyment!

A sign up sheet is on the wall of the narthex (by the name tags) with envelopes giving instructions on how to pay and to provide information on who or what you may wish to honor/remember/celebrate.

Please make checks out to Women's Fellowship. Contact Ellen Deppe for questions:

Text: 757-635-6863.

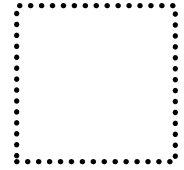
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Ministers	The Entire Congregation
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Choir Director	Dean Englert
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- RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED -



Congregational Covenant

We, the members of Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, join together as a community of service for the purposes of worship, spiritual growth, and interacting with others as loving human beings, using the example set by Jesus as our guide.

Although we are many members, we are one community.

As such, we are called to love one another, to do justice, to offer freedom from oppression, and to walk humbly in our understanding of God.

We are an open and affirming church, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person.

We welcome into full membership and participation in this community of service persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, socio-economic status, marital status, and faith background.

We welcome all people as they are, without reservation, to share in the full life, leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

The ideals we hold most dear are expressed in the two greatest commandments ascribed to Jesus:

to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

