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**Sunday, June 8**

***Pentecost Sunday***

***Reception of New Members***

***Strengthen the Church  
special mission offering***

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost, over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the **"birthday"** of the Christian church.

As part of our 2025 Pentecost Celebration, we will receive several new members into our church family. Anyone desiring to unite with the congregation this day is encouraged to speak with Pastor Phil no later than June 1st.

Also during the service, the congregation will have the opportunity to contribute to one of the special mission offerings promoted by the United Church of Christ called ***Strengthen the Church***. Gifts to STC support the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. Your generosity will help plant new churches, awaken ideas and develop the spiritual life of youth and young adults. More information on STC may be found on page 2.

Everyone attending the service on June 8 is encouraged to wear something **RED**, the color commonly associated with Pentecost. Visually, red is a reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3).





Date: **Saturday, June 7**  
 Time: **8:45 am to 12:00 pm**  
 Place: **2217 W. Great Neck Rd**  
       **(LCCC parking lot)**  
 Contact: Lanny Bailey at  
           [Lanny.Bailey@gmail.com](mailto:Lanny.Bailey@gmail.com)

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before 9 am to sign-in, get materials, and instructions.

- You might want to bring work gloves, hat, water, bug spray and sunscreen with you.
- Please wear loose, light colored clothing. Wear boots or waders or hard-sole, closed-toe shoes (*flip-flops & sandals are not appropriate at any of our sites for this cleanup*).
- Dress in clothes and shoes that you do not mind getting wet or dirty.
- Dress for the weather. This is a Rain or Shine event!
- Anyone under 18 will need a signed Parental Permission form turned in to the Zone Captain when you sign in, if their parent will not be in attendance.

## Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering



The Holy Spirit gathers us together. From across the country and the spectrums of human experience, we become united in Christ. And, united, the Spirit commissions us to work for a more just world for all.

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and leader across the United Church of Christ as they respond to the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a more just world for all. The challenges our congregations face vary:

- Some seek ways to strengthen youth ministry.
- Some hope to start new congregations.
- Some look for innovative ways to renew existing congregations.
- Some need help developing leaders.

Gifts to Strengthen the church can ensure congregations get the help they need from their conference and the national ministries of the UCC. Together we can answer the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a just world for all.

**Gifts for Strengthen the Church will be received on June 8th!**



## Father's Day Recognition

In honor of all the "Dads" in our lives, the Fellowship Committee will serve **Lemonade on the Lawn** after the worship service on Sunday, June 15th.

You can also honor your Father by making a small donation to benefit Safe Harbor - a ministry that offers support to immigrant and refugee families. Share the name of your father by **June 9th**, and he will be included in a special bulletin insert on Father's Day. Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, or you can email Stephanie in the church office.



Juneteenth marks the day that slavery officially ended in the U.S. The day was June 19th, and the year was 1865. Slavery may have been dismantled in the U.S., but the struggle for freedom continues. God, we ask that you give us courage to heal a world that denies justice for far too many. Amen.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

# 60TH YEAR

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### ANNUAL GATHERING

Theme: Reconnecting as One: In Christ, In Covenant, In Community.

**JUNE 19-21, 2025**

VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER  
1000 19TH ST, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451

**OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm  
Featuring the legendary Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF  
BOLD FAITH & PROCLAMATION  
INSPIRING WORSHIP & PREACHING  
EMPOWERING WORKSHOPS & GROUP DISCUSSIONS  
DJ & JAZZ JUBILEE ENTERTAINMENT  
HONORING LEADERS IN THE CONFERENCE

Attire for the Jubilee: Glorious & Glamor  
(Dress in your radiant best: Formal black, silver and sparkle)

**Register at [soc-ucc.org](http://soc-ucc.org)**



**June 21, 2025**

Town Point Park  
1 Waterside Dr.  
Norfolk, VA

Saturday, June 21, is Pride Day at Town Point Park in Norfolk. As one expression of LCCC's commitment to being an Opening & Affirming congregation, volunteers will set up a hospitality tent at the event.

The Day begins at **12:00 noon**. We would like to have two volunteers at a time to cover the table ... hopefully for an hour ... if we have enough volunteers... until 6:00 PM.

If you would like to volunteer, please email or call Benita Jefferies at [jefferrb@cox.net](mailto:jefferrb@cox.net) or 757-292-6228.

The next day - Sunday, June 22nd - LCCC will celebrate its Open & Affirming identity during the morning worship service at 10 am.

***Lynnhaven Colony Welcomes Summer  
Artists & Crafters Event Plus the  
Women's Fellowship Flea Market***

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**  
9 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.



Our Art/Crafters Event and Flea Market will be held at the church on Saturday, June 21st from 9am-2pm. Come on out to support Lynnhaven Colony UCC community, our vendors, crafters and Women's Fellowship as you search for treasures or something good to eat.

If you have gently worn clothing or flea market items you wish to donate, please bring them to church anytime prior to June 17th.

We will also need volunteers to help with a variety of tasks to assure this event is successful for the church and vendors alike. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or you can contact Cindy Harrison at 757-618-0649 or Marianne Perry at 757-773-9400. To help in the kitchen, please contact Chris Cahoon.



## Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church Scholarship Recipient



### **Hometown**

Mechanicsville, Virginia

### **Major**

Journalism

### **Accomplishments, achievements, and activities**

I currently am working with the Elon News Network as a reporter and an anchor. I also have an internship with Gray Media. I am a part of Elon's first ever show choir, Elon Muses.

### **Note of Impact!**

Thank you so much for your generous support. Receiving the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church Scholarship means a great deal to me, as it is helping me pursue my education and achieve my goals at Elon. I'm truly grateful for your kindness and belief in my potential.

Warm regards,  
***Rachel Holley***

### **Budget Report for 1st Quarter of 2025**

| <b>CHURCH</b>             | <b>January</b> | <b>February</b> | <b>March</b>  | <b>April</b>   | <b>Total (4 Months)</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue                   | 28,044         | 16,971          | 25,795        | 15,242         | 86,052                  |
| Expenses                  | <u>30,870</u>  | <u>22,872</u>   | <u>22,818</u> | <u>32,936</u>  | <u>109,496</u>          |
| Net Gain/Loss             | -2,826         | -5,901          | 2,977         | -17,694        | -23,444                 |
| <b>CDC</b>                | <b>January</b> | <b>February</b> | <b>March</b>  | <b>April</b>   | <b>Total (4 Months)</b> |
| Revenue                   | 83,712         | 73,160          | 72,617        | 76,065         | 305,562                 |
| Expenses                  | <u>76,364</u>  | <u>73,605</u>   | <u>73,786</u> | <u>82,944</u>  | <u>306,700</u>          |
| Net Gain/Loss             | 7,348          | -436            | -1,169        | -6,879         | -1,137                  |
| <b>Combined Gain/Loss</b> | <b>4,521</b>   | <b>-6,338</b>   | <b>1,809</b>  | <b>-24,573</b> | <b>-24,581</b>          |

### **Summary of Accounts**

| <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>               | <b>3.31.25</b>   | <b>Revenue</b> | <b>Expenses</b> | <b>4.30.25</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                       |                  |                |                 |                |
| <b>General Operating Fund</b>         | <b>68,228.07</b> | <b>91,307</b>  | <b>115,880</b>  | <b>43,655</b>  |
|                                       |                  |                |                 |                |
| <b>Designated Funds</b>               |                  |                |                 |                |
| Capital Fund                          | 5,773            | 0              | 0               | 5,773          |
| Lauren's Legacy Fund ( Discretionary) | 1,293            | 0              | 0               | 1,293          |
| Memorial Fund                         | 5,116            | 0              | 0               | 5,116          |
| Special Projects                      | 7,691            | 90             | 0               | 7,781          |
| Special Offerings UCC Five for Five   | 0                | 1,410          | 0               | 1,410          |
| <b>Total Designated Funds</b>         | <b>19,874</b>    | <b>1,500</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>21,374</b>  |
|                                       |                  |                |                 |                |
| <b>Total Funds (Towne Bank)</b>       | <b>88,102</b>    | <b>92,807</b>  | <b>115,880</b>  | <b>65,029</b>  |

| <b>INVESTMENTS</b>       | <b>3.31.25</b> | <b>Revenue</b> | <b>Expenses</b> | <b>4.30.25</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Endowment Fund           | 198,874        | 1,004          | 0               | 199,878        |
| Reserve Fund             | 27,537         | 139            | 0               | 27,676         |
| Edward Jones Account     | 15,124         | 49             | 0               | 15,173         |
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>241,535</b> | <b>1,192</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>242,728</b> |

|                           |                |               |                |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS</b> | <b>329,637</b> | <b>93,999</b> | <b>115,880</b> | <b>307,756</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mortgage Balance as of 4.30.25</b> | <b>170,704</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|



## Maybe You Could Lower the Bar?

Devotional by Mary Luti

*Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
- John 13:35 (NRSV)

Ack. There it is again. The thing that signals to the world that we belong to you, Jesus. Love. Love among disciples. Love for neighbor. Love for the enemy.

There's no getting around it. But what if we can't do it?

I can't. I try, but self-preoccupation is a permanent squatter in the house of my heart. Even with the help of your grace, I doubt I'll evict it this side of the grave.

So, would you consider lowering the bar?

Instead of commanding me to love others, maybe settle for something more entry-level, like inflicting as little harm as possible on people? I might manage that, although even bare restraint is challenging these days.

Not that I actually go around inflicting a lot of harm (probably because I don't get that many chances). But I do say a lot of harm and I think harm even more, because don't they deserve it, the rich and powerful who positively exult in being cruel?

I know what you're going to say. I'm just telling you that if the bar were a tad lower, I'd have a better chance of clearing it.

Like I said before, maybe you could not say, "Love others, like, really love them," but instead say something like, "See that one, over there? Good, now repeat after me: 'There goes a human being burdened enough, they don't need me piling on.'"

Would not piling on count? Because honestly, these days, down love's long road, it's about as far as I'm likely to get.

*Prayer*

If not love, Jesus, then at least let me not pile on.



## Vacation Bible School

**August 4-7, 2025**

**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Location:** Wycliffe Presbyterian Church  
1445 N. Great Neck Rd, VB, 23454

**Theme:** Egypt: Joseph's Journey from  
Prison to Palace

**Ages:** PK3-5th grade

An awesome VBS brought to you by:  
Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church,  
Virginia Beach Christian Church,  
& Wycliffe Presbyterian Church.

We are excited to focus on a Bible hero whose faith carried him through near-death experiences, imprisonment, and ultimately, to a throne. We will journey alongside Joseph and his time in Egypt. Share with your friends, and get ready to go back in time!

For questions, please reach out to Katie White,  
at [wycliffepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:wycliffepresbyterian@gmail.com).

**To register,  
scan the QR code  
to the right**



## June Birthdays

June 3 Jeff Kingsland; Ron Roe  
 June 4 Charlie Crain  
 June 7 Tammy Uren  
 June 9 Chantal Dejou, Ellen Deppe  
 June 10 David Benson;  
 Dana Burrows-Huckfeldt  
 June 16 Luka Matsuura  
 June 18 Carol Lattimer  
 June 20 Morgan Storar  
 June 25 Susan Padro



We offer our sympathies to Neil Wilson, Jr., Sandra Parks, and James Wilson, on the death of their mother - and our dear friend - **Michal Wilson** on May 14th. A Memorial Service celebrating Michal's vibrant life will be held at LCCC on Sunday, August 24th at 3:00 p.m.

## June Anniversaries

June 4 John & Dreda Symonds  
 June 18 Shirley and Jim Karlen  
 June 22 David & Janet Benson  
 June 27 Terry & Tim Connelly



**Altar Flowers  
 can be ordered  
 again!**



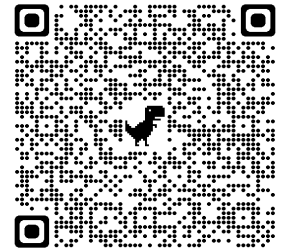
You can order flowers again for the altar in honor or memory of someone. Please refer to the open Sundays on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. The cost is \$53 and being arranged through Harris Teeter. Please use one of the ordering envelopes near the Flower Chart to make your request. Checks should be written to Women's Fellowship.

Any questions, please contact Ellen Deppe.

## On Line Donation Options

Want an easy way to make a donation to the ministries and programs of the church? You may either:

- Visit the church's website (*address below*) and click on the tab labeled "Donate," or
- Scan the QR code to the right.



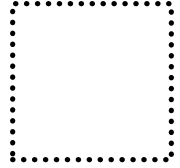
Ministers  
 Pastor  
 Parish Associate  
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 Choir Director  
 Accompanist  
 Office Administrator  
 CDC Director

The Entire Congregation  
 Rev. Phillip Myers  
 Rev. Benita Jefferies  
 Rev. Christina Moss  
 Dean Englert  
 Rob Yatteau  
 Stephanie Vega

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## 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.***

