

# Urbanna UMC October Newsletter

## **Church Council Report:**

Church Council met Monday, September 16, 2024. The following are highlights from the meeting:

- 1) Church Security: Side entrances into the church building are now being locked soon after the beginning of Worship Services. You may still enter through the Sanctuary door.
- 2) Staff Parish Relations Committee: Becky Pirok has met with both Judy Short (Music Director) and Denise Wright (Administrative Assistant) and is finalizing their annual performance evaluation. We are well-pleased with their service this year. Denise received a pay increase in July of this year and Judy will receive a pay increase this coming January.
- 3) Trustees:
  - a. Ray Rodgers has been working with a contractor to fix the drain in the boiler room. That work is now completed. Thanks to Ray for his good work.
  - b. A mouse was found in the church kitchen. The mouse has been removed. Please do not leave food in the kitchen unless in a sealed container.
  - c. We will be asking the cleaning service to wet mop the kitchen floor often, especially after dining events.
  - d. All groups are asked to inform The Horizons Early Learning Center of any daytime events planned in the church facilities during the weekdays. This includes repair work to the facility. Horizons uses the building M-F and needs a quiet environment for their children. (We will be adding an addendum to our lease agreement with Horizons to cover unexpected/untimely events.)
- 4) Finance: David Harris is working on our 2025 budget. Please submit any budget needs for your group/committee to him or to Pastor Mark no later than October 15.
- 5) Treasurer: Financial status of Urbanna UMC is stable. The annual Fall Stewardship Campaign will take place in November, with Commitment Sunday falling on November 24.
- 6) Pastor Mark:
  - a. October 27 will be Laity Sunday – when laity will be lead the worship service.

- b. Horizon's Trunk or Treat will take place in the church parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 5 – 7 PM. Our church members are encouraged to assist by coming out (bring your younger family members to Trick or Treat and/or decorate your car and give out candy, etc.
- c. Since One Community Under God is being held on World Communion Sunday, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday Wednesday, Nov. 13, with a meal and then Communion. More info will be forthcoming.
- d. Our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 3 PM at Tappahannock Memorial UMC.
- e. One Community Under God will be held October 6 at the Firehouse.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21 at 3:30 PM in the Parlor. (A reminder that anyone may come to our meetings.)

Myra requests that any agenda items be submitted to her by Wednesday, October 16.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Myra Wagner.

Thank you,  
Myra Wagner



### **Operation Christmas Child is Underway:**

Once again, Urbanna UMC is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to provide Christmas Gifts for under-resourced children. You can pick up your "Christmas Box" in the church narthex and begin to purchase items requested to fill the box. Filled boxes will be returned to the church, where they will be packaged and mailed out for distribution. A due date to return boxes will be announced in the near future.

Thanks to all those who participated in our luncheon on September 22. We raised \$450 to help cover the costs associated with Operation Christmas Child.



### **Pastor's Sunday School Class:**

Pastor Mark continues to lead the adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the church parlor. Currently, the class is working through the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome to join anytime.



### **Pastor's Book Study:**

Pastor Mark will be offering a study of the book, "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis during the month of October and November. Participants are invited to purchase and read the book during the month of October, and then we will meet to discuss the book sometime in early November (date and time to be determined by class participants). To sign up for the class, contact Pastor Mark ([markmiller@vaumc.org](mailto:markmiller@vaumc.org)) by October 16.

### **Relief Fund Report - September 2024**

Since our last report, we have worked with Social Services to help a lady with young children who had been homeless but has now found a place to rent. She had some unfortunate circumstances that cut her short this month and we paid her rent.

We also helped another family going through a difficult time pay rent and gave them money to purchase some groceries.

The balance in the fund is \$4,905. Donations to keep this mission alive are most welcomed.

The Relief Fund Committee