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Let your light so shine be
fore men that they may see your



Area golfers have a select opportunity to support a critical local charity at a superb golf venue in November. The beneficiary of this tournament is Linking Hope and Help, Inc. ("The Link").

The date is set for Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Golden Eagle Golf Course in Irvington, Va.. The tournament is sponsored by Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Beulah Baptist Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The format is Captain's choice with shotgun start. Prizes include Top Three, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Drive. The fees, Individual (\$75) and Team (\$280), cover greens fees and cart, practice range, and church-provided covered dish awards reception after play with a cash bar.

Registration and range practice are 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by tournament announcements, with play starting at 12:30 pm.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole or prizes please contact Tom Coye, President of The Link, at tomcoye@hotmail.com. If you have any questions or otherwise wish to participate in the golf tournament, please contact Golden Eagle professional, Don Nelson, at (804) 438-4460.

As Coye notes, "This is the first ever golf tournament hosted for the benefit of our ministry. This is our tenth year assisting individuals and families find the help they need. The pandemic has created particularly difficult situations for many workers whose jobs have been cut back or eliminated. We are committed to helping families stay in their homes."

For more information on The Link, go to page 5.



Mike's Message

As most of you know, the past three months our church has hosted “Dinner and a Movie” one Friday night a month. Our goal has been to offer good food, a time of fellowship with those in our church and the surrounding community, followed by a movie dealing with things that are negatively impacting our culture. We decided to offer movies that addressed these serious issues from a Christian perspective. We began with “The Insanity of God” (a documentary on the persecution of the church around the world that asked the question, Is Jesus worth it?); followed by “Unplanned” (a hard-hitting story of the lies propagated by Planned Parenthood concerning abortion from the view point of a former director); and “In His Image” (a study on human sexuality from a biblical perspective). Each of these movies are very well done, but do not shy away from the truth surrounding each topic.

We advertised each event in all three area newspapers and had a very good response each time. People have come from as far away as Saluda on all three events and have been thankful for what we are doing. Some of the comments that I’ve heard from those in attendance are, “I’m glad you are showing movies that deal with important issues, instead of fluff”; “I hope you keep doing these kinds of events because they are needed”; “I’ll be looking in the paper for what you’re going to do next.”

At this point we are attracting those who, for the most part, agree with our views, but this has enabled them to learn how to speak to the issues from a biblical perspective. Initially, I felt this would be a spring and summer offering, but the vestry decided we should keep this up monthly (weather permitting). We want to be known as a church that loves the truth of God’s word and makes no apology for it. We want to continue to offer “Dinner and a Movie” monthly, and continue to offer weekday classes with topics that invite us into a deeper walk with Jesus Christ.

We started offering the weekday classes in October 2020 with the “Behold Your God” series, which was broken up into two parts, each lasting twelve weeks. It was so popular that we repeated each series again. On October 6th of this year we started a new twelve-week series entitled, “The Church.” This study is designed to help us learn the true nature of the church and how it is intended to function. The more we learn how the church aids our faith and brings glory to God, the more we will thank God for the church.

These events are having an impact in the lives of those who participate. If you are not taking advantage of the studies or the movies then I encourage you to do so.

Please see me if you would like to be able to take these courses and I will be glad to help you do so.

I would also like to take the time to thank all of you who have worked so hard to set-up and clean-up for the “Dinner and a Movie” night, as well those who have provided food and/or manned the grills for hamburger and hot dogs. This could not have happened without your help. Blessings!

Mike



As we approach the end of another year, we have two of the members of our vestry who will have fulfilled their three-year commitment. That means that we need to replace those leaving with two refresh recruits. We ask that you prayerfully consider who you believe would good candidates. If you want to nominate someone, please speak to them to see if they are willing to be nominated. We will have a vote towards the end of December. Thanks for your help.



Senior Warden Report

Dear LOC Members and Friends,

We are missing our Dear Sister, Marion, and you are invited to attend her service Saturday,

October 23rd, at 11:00 a.m.

Our “Dinner and a Movie ” program is bringing in neighbors and friends which we are pleased to welcome. Each event has been well supported—thank you, Pastor Mike, for managing this community outreach program and our plan for the future movies.

Our sincere “Thank You” to Randy Smith for his planning and managing of the recovering the parking lot and driveways.—Randy—keeps the entire outside “looking good.”

Our Northern Neck is continuing to change as more new neighbors move in, often next door. Please reach out and invite the folks to church with you. They may be asking themselves where should we attend church? And you can provide a wonderful answer, Light of Christ.

Blessings, George

Greetings from Florida to my Light of Christ Friends

Ed and I have been busy collecting and storing wheelchairs. So far this year we have coordinated the shipment of over 200 wheelchairs to a correctional facility in Tennessee where they will be restored before being shipped to countries for distribution. I have wanted to return to Peru, but those trips (2020 and 2021) were cancelled due to COVID. I will be going on a Wheels for the World outreach in Guatemala, November 13-20. I am excited but a little nervous about going to a different country on an outreach which includes a five hour bus trip across the mountains!

Of course I appreciate your prayers for health, travel mercies, clear presentation of the gospel and that God will be glorified in all we do. I miss you all and keep you in my prayers. Blessings,

Carolyn Costello



The Altar of Age *At evening time there shall be light.*

Zechariah 14:7

We often look forward with anxiety to the time of old age, forgetting that at evening time it shall be light. To many saints, old age is the choicest season in their lives. A warmer breeze fans the sailor's face as he nears the shore of immortality; fewer waves ruffle his sea; quiet reigns, deep, still and solemn. From the altar of age the flashes of the fire of youth are gone, but the deepening flame of sincere feeling remains. The pilgrims have reached the promised land, the happy country, whose days are as the days of heaven upon earth. Angels visit it, celestial gales blow over it, flowers of paradise grow in it, and the air is filled with heavenly music. Some live here for years, and others arrive only a few hours before their departure, but it is an Eden on earth.

We may begin to long for the time when we can recline in its shady groves and be satisfied with hope until the time of fruition comes. The setting sun seems larger than when it is high in the sky, and a splendor of glory tinges all the clouds that surround its going down. Pain does not break the calm of the sweet twilight of age, for strength is made perfect in weakness and endures it all patiently. Ripe fruits of choice experience are gathered as the rare food of life's evening, and the soul prepares itself for rest.

The Lord's people will also enjoy light in the hour of death. Unbelief bemoans the evening shadows, the darkening night, the end of existence. But no, cries faith, the night is almost over and the true day is at hand. Light has come, the light of immortality, the light of the Father's countenance. Gather your feet up in the bed; see the waiting throng of angels ready to bear you away. Farewell, loved one, you are gone. You wave your hand; now it is light! The pearly gates are open; the golden streets shine in the jasper light. We cover our eyes, but you behold the unseen; adieu, dear friend, you have light at evening time that we have not yet.

C. H. Spurgeon

Joy Gwaltney shared this with Lynne Cerar who wanted to share it with you.





Northern Neck Christian School



The Northern Neck Christian School video we announced last month is now ready for viewing. This short video highlights student music, Bible recitations, and Latin.

Click on [Northern Neck Christian School - YouTube](#) or the LOC website or go to Youtube and search on the school's name to view it. One of our K4 students said to her mother, "I'm a movie star". That is probably an exaggeration, but you will be amazed!!!

NNKCS is asking for:

1. Three (3) volunteers to come 1-hour on the day of your choice and help two of our first-grade girls with reading. We will have a reading room set aside for this purpose.
2. If you participate in a club our 10 Student Ambassadors want to come during the day and present our 15-minute school program to the membership. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity for your club and we will set a date.
3. If you use Instagram, please follow the school, just search on the school's name.

May God bless you and protect you,
Leslye



The Link

The Link is a non-profit organization designed to connect people with the resources needed to become more independent. It is a partnership of churches, including LOC, and helping agencies that functions as a centralized information and referral service for residents of Lancaster and Northumberland Counties in Virginia.

Using an interview process that matches neighbors in need with available and appropriate resources, The Link's purposes are to assist clients in improving the quality of their lives in a manner that builds their self-confidence and meets the hardships and challenges in their lives.

For more information on The Link go to www.linkinghopeandhelp.org



Again this year we will be filling “shoe boxes” for Operation Christmas Child which is part of Franklin Graham’s Samaritan’s Purse ministry. **We will meet at church on Saturday, November, 13th at 10:00 a.m.** Please bring shoe box size plastic containers to pack with goodies. Below is a list of items wanted and not wanted:

Gifts which are allowed

playing cards
batteries (in original packaging or with both ends taped)
wet wipes or plain alcohol wipes
toy spiders/bugs/snakes
superheroes or other licensed characters
items with company logos
all types of scissors
squirt guns (that don’t look like real guns)
glow sticks
compact mirrors
lip balm (non-medicated)
play dough (store bought)
solid stick deodorant
makeup (non-liquid)
adhesive bandages (non-medicated)
disposable or reusable feminine hygiene products
eating utensils

Gifts not allowed

Vaseline®
scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy)
war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage)
liquid paint sets or liquid glue
rubber balls with liquid filling
liquid lip gloss
matches or fire starters
seeds
sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature
all types of food, candy, or gum
medications or vitamins
toothpaste
nail polish
money or play money
baby powder
baking soda
razors
liquids or lotions
breakable items or glass containers
aerosol cans
used clothing or toys
marbles
Bibles or other religious literature or symbols

Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

Please also pray for:

- Their family to also be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- The pastor of the church who delivers your shoebox gift.
- Their community to be transformed by the Gospel.



IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Lesson Readers

Nov. 7 Susan Read (L) Marie Carstensen (P)
Nov. 14 Jim Conley (L) Lyn Conley (P)
Nov. 21 Ernie Proctor (L) Betty Dillingham (P)
Nov. 28 Tony Blackstone (L) Joan Blackstone (P)

Acolytes

Nov. 7 Ed Feddeman
Nov. 14 David Gwaltney
Nov. 21 Sandi Ward
Nov. 28 Anna Brennan

Chalice Bearers

Nov. 7 Tony Blackstone
Nov. 14 Constance McDearmon
Nov. 21 Suzy Norman
Nov. 28 Ed Feddeman

November Birthdays

Nov. 1 Linda Krisman (Thrift Shop Mgr)
Nov. 2 Herb Smith
Nov. 4 Linda Hornby, Marley Kimmitt
Nov. 5 Saunee Hamlett
Nov. 9 Tom Kimmitt
Nov. 14 Faith Sinclair
Nov. 17 Tom Zamaria
Nov. 18 Julie Pritchard
Nov. 26 Sharon Baldacci, Priscilla Williams

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*



Altar Guild

Nov. 7 Anna Brennan
Nov. 14 Suzy Norman
Nov. 21 Wendy Smith
Nov. 28 Julie Pritchard

Tellers

Nov. 7 Courtney Ludeman
Nov. 14 Courtney Ludeman, Jan Beckett
Nov. 21 Courtney Ludeman, Pam Smith
Nov. 28 Courtney Ludeman

Vestry Person on Duty

Nov. 7 Sandi Ward
Nov. 14 Ed Feddeman
Nov. 21 Anna Brennan
Nov. 28 George Beckett

November Anniversaries

Nov. 7 Phyllis and Bill Tracey
Nov. 24 Judy & Stan Rasberry
Nov. 30 David and Cindy Peresluha

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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Bring someone you care about
one step closer to Christ.