



Pantops Beacon

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Looking Ahead:

Men's Breakfast, Thursday, November 16,
9:00 AM, Sam's Kitchen

Hymn Sing Ministry, Tuesday, November 21,
2:00 PM, Anthology of Charlottesville

Together on Tuesdays, Tuesday,
November 28, 12:00 PM

Birthdays of the Month November Birthdays

2nd - Carolyn Childress

4th - Etta Carter

6th - Heather Nelson

7th - Bobbie Brown

9th - Carol Hood

10th - Dan Rinald

16th - Penny Chernauskas

17th - Marilyn Randels, Stanley Rugumayo

22nd - Gary Haney

Attendance on November 8, 2023

Worship - 54	Sunday School - 43
Budget	\$ 2,660.00
Other	\$ 100.00

Financial Summary as of October 31, 2023

Budget to Date	\$ 199,166.60
Actual Expenses to Date	\$ 161,768.00
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 155,384.00
Current Deficit	\$ 6,384.00
Freeman Original Loan	\$ 120,000.00
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 45,878.67

*Thank you for your faithful financial
support of Pantops.*

Membership and Baptism

The ordinance of baptism and how it relates to membership in our church, second meeting is:

Sunday, Nov 12, 9:45-10:30: Individual Sunday School groups meet.

Sunday, Nov 19, 9:45-10:30: Church-wide discussion session.

Informed by these discussions, the Bylaws Committee will then turn to the work of crafting language for the bylaws to be presented to the church for consideration in early 2024. We encourage your participation in as many of these sessions as possible.

Christmas at FCCW

Hygiene Items (place in a gallon zip lock bag)

- One individually wrapped toothbrush (must be in original container) **Battery-operated toothbrushes are NOT permitted.**
- One tube of toothpaste, 6 oz. (must be in original container)
- One deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. - no spray or roll-on (as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
- One bottle of shampoo, 15 - 18oz. (as close to 15 oz. but no larger than 18oz.)
- One bottle of lotion, 15 - 18oz. (as close to 15oz. But no larger than 18 oz. as possible but no larger than 18 oz.)

Greeting Cards and Stationery Items

Christmas cards and greeting cards. Please try to avoid cards or envelopes containing aluminum foil.

Writing paper of any size and envelopes either
3 5/8 x 6 1/2 or 4 1/8 x 9 1/2

Deadline to bring hygiene items, cards and stationery is Sunday, November 12.

From the Associate Pastor



At the conclusion of Sunday's baptism session led by Matt during the Sunday School hour, which was outstanding, he challenged us to prayerfully consider the issue to “mirror our best understanding of God.” I immediately thought of how my own understanding of God has changed over the years. I grew up going to Protestant chapels, which tend to be more ecumenical, on Sunday mornings, but when we were stationed in the U.S., we attended a local Baptist church in the evenings. Somewhere early on, I picked up the notion that only Baptists were going to heaven, that God wasn't going to make room for anyone else. I have a distinct memory of riding the bus to school in Ohio sometime when I was in 1st-3rd grades and passing by a Methodist church and thinking that all of those people were going to hell. My best friend in 4th grade was Catholic, which was also a matter of concern for me. Those thoughts and concerns went right along with my perception of God as a very stern grandfather, not someone you wanted to make mad even though they loved you. Obviously, those were a child's understanding of God, and I long ago moved beyond them. One of my goals in Kingdom Kids and Children's Church is to make sure those children never have to work through those kinds of perceptions. My favorite parable is what we refer to as “The Prodigal Son” because I love the image of the father who runs out to meet the son who was returning. He could run out to meet him because he had never given up on the son who had rejected him. We put up conditions and barriers to forgiveness and hang on to resentment and anger. God says “welcome home.” As Christ-followers, we need to reflect that kind of grace.

Journeying with you,
Margarete

Deacon of the Month for November

Dan Rinald and Eric Sartain

Christian Concerns

Irene Ankney, Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Pete Hildebrand, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie,
Kim Murdock, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels,
Joseph Sesay, George White

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Pantops Community Church
1525 Stony Point Road
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Sermon Title: “Between Now and Then”

Rev. Margarete Gillette

Text: Luke 12:35-40; Acts 1:6-11

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and
Online at 11:00 AM

November 8, 2023