



Denbigh United Presbyterian Church NOVEMBER 2025

UPWARD SOCCER

Celebration Sunday—November 2

Join us as we celebrate our fall season of Upward Soccer and the nearly 100 players, referees, coaches, and volunteers. After worship we will enjoy a picnic, bounce houses, cotton candy, and soccer games. Please contact Joan Minarik (757-329-1582) to volunteer for set-up, serving, and clean-up for Sunday's picnic. Bring your wonderful DUPC hospitality as we greet and mingle with our soccer families.

Confirmation Sunday—November 9

On November 9 our Confirmation students will make their public professions of faith and join Denbigh United. Several of the students will be baptized. Join us for this important day in the lives of our confirmands and in the life of our church as we pledge our ongoing support of these students in their faith journeys.

Pastor Boone's Sabbatical Begins November 17

Pastor Boone will embark on his much-deserved three-month sabbatical beginning November 17. Please pray for Boone, Julie, Elias, and Hazel during Boone's sabbatical. May God grant Boone rest and renewal.

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DIGEST

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Church Staff

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The Reverend Deborah Dail

Associate Pastor

The Reverend Boone Clayton

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Preschool Director

Nancy Kerns

Church Accountant

Jeff Dawson

Session Meeting Summary for October 2025

- Approved DUPC Financial report through September 30, 2025.
- Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of September 11, 2025.
- Approved Congregational Meeting minutes of September 21, 2025.
- Approved the Baptism of Alexander Lucas, son of Mykaila Lloyd and Jacob Lucas.
- Approved Communion dates for 2026.
- Elected Mark Tessarolo as Clerk of Session for 2026.
- Elected Joan Minarik as Treasurer for 2026.
- Elected Mark Tessarolo as Bookkeeper for 2026.
- Received committee reports.



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH September 2025

Total Income:	\$282,567.70
Total Expenses:	<u>\$321,705.24</u>
Difference:	(39,197.34)
% of Pledge Received	80.97%

In-Person and Facebook Live Worship				
Attendance	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Worship (in-person)	83	73	85	61
Staff/Choir/Volunteers	16	14	15	10
Nursery (+ helpers)	6	6	5	4
Facebook Live	178	138	196	165
YouTube	45	31	27	—
TOTALS (as of 10/31/25)	328	262	328	240
Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on YouTube and Facebook.				



Worship

Meaningful World Communion Sunday

Thank you to our readers for World Communion Sunday on October 5. We heard scripture and prayer in Spanish, French, Krio, and Tshilubá.

Worship Series “What Disciples Do”

We continue our current worship series through November 23.

November 2—Disciples Affirm Resurrection Power and Hope

November 9—Disciples Confirm Their Faith

November 16—Disciples Take Their Faith Public

November 23—Disciples Give Utmost Allegiance to Christ

Thanksgiving Service Online

On Wednesday, November 26, at noon we will air on Facebook and YouTube a brief Thanksgiving Service that you may watch at that time or later. Let us remember to give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day and every day.

Advent Worship Series—“What Child Is This?”

Advent 2025 begins on November 30. Our theme this year is **“What Child Is This? Beyond the Lullaby.”** Look for a **“A Daily Journal for Advent”** that corresponds with our theme in the Weekly Update. Printed copies will also be available.

November 30 (First Sunday of Advent): “King of Kings” (Hope)

December 7 (Second Sunday of Advent): “The Silent Word” (Peace)

December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent): “Son of Mary” (Joy)

December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent): “Enthroned by Love”

December 24 (Christmas Eve): “The Babe” (**Services at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.**)

December 28 (Sunday After Christmas): “This, This . . .”

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas—November 30

Join the fun of decorating the sanctuary and other areas of the church on Sunday, November 30, immediately after worship. We will put up the trees and decorate them with our treasured chrismons, add garland, fluff bows, and set the stage for a meaningful Advent and Christmas season as we consider our theme “What Child Is This? Beyond the Lullaby.”

Blue Christmas Service—December 4

The holiday season is difficult for all of us but the reasons can be varied and complex. The chaos and relentlessness of the weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas often leave us wondering what happened to the joy and peace we hear about so much. At our Blue Christmas service on December 4 at 7:00 p.m., we offer rest for the weary and a breath of fresh air as we openly acknowledge our struggles and our grief, our pain and our questions as we call out to God for help, comfort, peace, and healing. Please join us and invite friends who may find solace in this service.



2025 Agents of Grace A Fruitful Day of Ministry



Agents of Grace Sunday was October 19. On that day the church was a sea of blue, with many of our members and friends wearing their Agents of Grace T-shirts.

Agents of Grace, a special day held annually in October, is when church members gather to do a little extra for the church and others. It is a day of fellowship and working together to accomplish specific goals. **This year, 90 people served on ministry teams. Others donated food, cleaning supplies, and/or money.** This inter-generational event involved most of the church.

The **"Lunch Bunch"** team, led by Becky Skaar, served a great lunch and then the ministry teams were off to serve. The "Lunch Bunch," besides preparing and setting up for the lunch, handled all the clean-up and dishwashing.

The **"Hymn Sing"** team went to sing for residents of The Hidenwood. Led by Jane Martin, this group did two performances (one of which was for the Memory Care Unit) and brightened the lives of those who listened to and sang along with hymns.

The **"Hallmark Moment"** team was busy writing and illustrating cards of encouragement. Our team co-leaders were Sarah Phillips and Nancy Phillips.

Two teams worked outside, enhancing the beauty of the church property. The **"Landscaping Around the Church"** team, led by Keith Pennell, planted several new bushes while the **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** team, led by Sandra Kochersperger, laid plastic sheeting to prepare the area for a wild flower garden in the spring. (The garden will be between the soccer field and Denbigh Boulevard.)

The **"Menchville House"** team, led by Sandi Murawski, prepared and delivered a great meal to the residents of this residential home for homeless men, women, and children.

The **"Visitations"** team, led by Marlene Ferri, visited church members who are homebound or in assisted living at various residential communities.

The **"Crop Walk"** team was led by Kathy Baldwin. She and fellow walkers joined others for a three-mile walk to support Church World Service. The team members delivered our church's contribution of \$525.

The **"THRIVE"** team was composed of nine adults and 11 children and led by Jean Kyle. They sorted and counted all the generous donations of food and cleaning supplies. Even the smallest child helped carry the donations to the church bus for delivery to THRIVE.

Donors who contributed funds, food, and cleaning supplies made the ministry of the **"THRIVE"** and **"Crop Walk"** teams possible.

Thank you to Al Buchanan and Debbie Ames for co-leading Agents of Grace and to Kimberly Garriott for administrative support.

Our **2025 Agents of Grace Sunday** was very special as church members of all ages enjoyed the fellowship and the day of ministry. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and the many gifts of talent, time, and treasure.

Thank You for Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Thank you to the Session members and Office Manager, Kimberly Garriott, for all you did to celebrate us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The creative gifts were delightful. The donuts and other treats were delicious. The cards and post-it note expressions of love were touching and memorable. Thank you for hosting the gathering after church and for all the work you put into surprising us on our special day.

Pastor Deborah and Pastor Boone



Sunday's November 2025 [Master Schedule](#)

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 26 Thanksgiving Eve Service	November 30
Greeters (front/rear entrances)	Minarik, Joan Keffer, Addy Phillips, Nancy	Lynch, Carol Keffer, Kam Miller, Martha	Spruill, Doug Hake, Becca Springer, Pauline	Morrison, Bill Morrison, Janet	ON-LINE	Anson, David Joy, Betty
Ushers	Murawski, Sandi Lloyd, Moses	Tessarolo, June Tessarolo, Mark	Hull, Donna Hunt, Connie	Minarik, Joan Stevens, Sheila		Murphy, Bob Pennell, Keith
Youth Reader	Uma, Grace	Hake, Becca	Clayton, Elias	Nyenty, Martha		Hake, Becca
Children's Moment	Dr. Lissa Long	James, Melissa	James, Melissa	Kyle, Jean		Spivey, Kristi
Nursery	Hunt, Connie Keffer, Kam	Clayton, Julie Keffer, Addy	Minarik, Joan Lloyd, Moses	Ames, Debbie Hake, Becca		Miller, Martha Keffer, Kam
Welcome Table	Morrison, Bill	Schmidt, Amy	Dunn, Mary Lee	Edwards, Theal		Murawski, Sandi
Counters	Hall, Terry Hunt, Connie	Skaar, Becky Spruill, Doug	Ames, Debbie Pennell, Dale	Crippen, Sara Ferri, Marlene		Miller, Charles Morrison, Bill
Preparation of Elements	Joy, Betty					
Communion		Baldwin, Kathy Minch, Elaine Spivey, Kristi Stevens, Sheila				



Lissa began her time with the Presbytery on September 3, 2024 as Transitional General Presbyter. The Presbytery extended a call to her as General Presbyter effective September 1, 2025, and she also has been elected as an officer of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc., for the term of her service as General Presbyter.

She provides compassionate support and visionary oversight of the members of the Presbytery. She sets a tone for the pastoral care of ministers, educators, chaplains, commissioned pastors, sessions and PEVA staff, visiting congregations of the Presbytery. She serves as primary staff person and resource to the Presbytery Council, Trustees, the Commission on Ministry, and other commissions, committees, and ministry teams as needed and as time permits. She oversees administrative functions including financial management.

Next Special Offering—Christmas Joy Offering November 30-December 21, 2025

Supporting our leaders past, present, and future

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering

Annually our congregation collects the Peace and Global Witness Offering. We are encouraged to designate 25 percent of the congregation's contribution to a peace and global witness cause in our community or one to which we are connected elsewhere in the world. Our Session voted to send 25 percent of our offering to ODRINO for food and water projects supervised by Bruce Robinson in Northwest Haiti. Bruce and Deb always give glory to God and point people to Christ as they work on these essential projects. ODRINO was mailed a check in the amount of **\$233.25**. Thank you to our congregation for your generous donations to these causes.

Our congregation gave a total of **\$933** for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.



World Communion Sunday





Adult Education

Adult Sunday School Class—Ancient Words

The fall quarter (September through November) of Ancient Words adult Bible study will explore the tribe/land of Judah from the time of Isaiah to the exile in Babylon. We will study how God, through prophets and leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah. We will discuss how we see the hand of God in our own lives and times. The class meets Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Conference Room. Lessons are divided into weekly segments if you are unable to attend every Sunday.

Sunday School Lessons for November

Unit II: Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal

November 2:	Later Experiences of Jeremiah.....	49
	<i>Jeremiah 20:1-6, 37:1-38:28; 43:1-7</i>	
November 9:	Judah Taken Captive	55
	<i>2 Kings 23:1-25:21</i>	
November 16:	The Story of Ezekiel.....	16
	<i>Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-3:27; 8:1-4; 11:22-25; 24:15-24; 33:30-33</i>	
November 23	Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility	67
	<i>Ezekiel 18:1-32; 33:1-20</i>	
November 30:	Ezekiel's Vision of Hope	73
	<i>Ezekiel 47:1-12</i>	

Bible Study—Sermon on the Mount

We will have a Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. through November 18 in the Conference Room. All are welcome.



Children's and Youth Ministries

Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith!

Kathy kmbwin@gmail.com, Jean jsekyle@cox.net, or Jessica jessica.shildt@gmail.com

Sunday School Lessons for November

Sunday November 2 and Wednesday November 5 (FWF Starts):

Lesson 10: Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal —

1 Kings 18:16-40

Bible Point: Choose to serve God.

Sunday November 9 and Wednesday November 12

Lesson 11: God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper—

1 Kings 19:9-18

Bible Point: When we feel alone, God is with us.

Sunday November 16 and Wednesday November 19

Lesson 12: God Takes Elijah to Heaven—

2 Kings 2:1-15

Bible Point: God wants us to be faithful.

Sunday November 23—No FWF on November 26

Lesson 13: Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory—

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Bible Point: God helps us with our problems.

Sunday November 30 and Wednesday December 3

Advent Lesson – Hope, Peace Joy & Love

Children's Sunday School				
	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Teachers	5	4	3	5
Students	21	22	26	19
Visitors	—	—	—	—
TOTALS (as 10/31/25)	26	26	29	24

Faith Weaver Friends

Now that Upward Soccer is over for the fall, we return to Faith Weaver Friends on Wednesday evenings. We will meet November 5 through December 17 (with the exception of November 26). We return to FWF on January 7.

Please join us for the fun, fellowship, and learning at Faith Weaver Friends starting November 5.



Wednesday, November 5 (6 weeks)
5:30-7:30 p.m.
(Dinner, Bible, crafts, recreation and fun
for age 4 to 12th grade)

CCC Congregational are Committee

Next Committee Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Library.**

EVERYONE is welcome to attend a meeting.



CCC Members

Betty Joy

Carol Lynch

Carolyn Vassos

Janet Morrison

Nancy Phillips

Sara Crippen

Your Name Here

Marlene Ferri, Chairperson, 757-291-NICK

Kimberly Garriott, Co-Chair, 757-790-9946

Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor

Boone Clayton, Associate Pastor

We strive to care for members and friends through all seasons of life.

Congregational Care Committee (Cont'd.)

Prayer Ministry (Thank yous)

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, and phone calls given to me for my friend Ann who had passed away. We share many memories, having developed a friendship over 63 years ago.

Carolyn Vassos

Thank you so much to each of you who prayed, reached out, sent cards, and gave warm hugs to us during my Dad's final adventure to heaven and upon his death. It is such an awesome feeling to be part of the church family. May each day bring you joy and love.

With eternal thanks,
June and Mark Tessarolo

To CCC, Prayer Chain, and Pastor Deborah:

Thank you for the prayers before Bill's surgery. DUPC is a blessing, and Deborah is amazing. Her prayer with him before the surgery kept him calm throughout.

Thank you,
Ellen Percival

Home Communion

If you would like to receive home communion,
please contact Pastor Deborah or Pastor Boone.

Card Ministry

*Total Cards Sent from
September 3 Meeting*

13

<i>Sympathy</i>	1
<i>Get Well</i>	3
<i>Thinking About You</i>	1
<i>In Our Prayers</i>	8

Fellowship

Join us for a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, **November 16**, after worship. Bring a favorite dish or two to share and enjoy fellowship with one another. Please sign up on November 2 and 9.

Presbyterian Women

New Year/New Study Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women's Circles (Esther Circle/day) and (Priscilla Circle/evening) invite you to join us for a wonderful adventure in learning, growing, faith, sharing, and lots of fun.

Our new study: **Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ** will give the opportunity to deepen your connection to Jesus, grow your faith, and shine God's love to others. The nine lessons we will study will follow women in the Bible, study Jesus' witness, and show us paths of discovery that will help us embrace and celebrate who we are as faithful disciples.

The circles meet on the **third Tuesday of the month** (September-June). Attend one or all meetings, as you choose. **A book is not required.** The church calendar will have the dates and times of the meetings listed throughout the year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

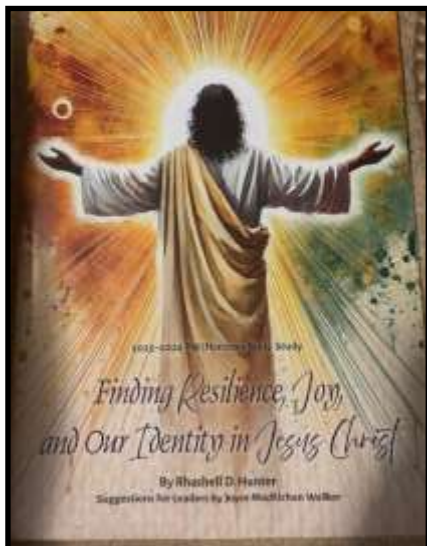
Esther Circle meets **10 a.m., church Conference Room**

Priscilla Circle meets **7 p.m., at Dale Pennell's home**

Further information, contact circle leaders:

Amy Schmidt (day—Esther Circle)

Debbie Ames (evening—Priscilla Circle)



Prime Timers

On October 15, the Prime Timers took a trolley tour around the shipyard area. The event was sponsored by the NN Parks and Recreation Department.



Left side:

Dian Munick,
Trudy Bowman,
Janet Morrison,
Bill Morrison,
Elaine Minch,
Martha Miller,
Charles Miller.

Right side:

John Mayes,
Betty Mayes,
Fred O'Keeffe,
Theal Edwards,
Kathleen Rohlfes,
Carolyn Woodard,
Tour Guide-Michael Moore,
Boone Clayton.

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast at Shorty's Diner at 6500 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown. It is directly across the street from the end of Denbigh Blvd. Any breakfast may be ordered from their breakfast menu and everyone will pay their own bill. Reservations will be taken November 2 and 9.

The last three Sundays in November we will be collecting donations to once again support our Ft. Eustis student troops who are going home for Christmas Block Leave. Donations are used to provide meals as they are waiting for their planes at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport and when they return. Please write any checks to Elaine Minch.

Thursday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

Christmas dessert at TOUS les JOURS on 12515 Jefferson Avenue, Participants will choose and pay for the baked goods of their choice. You are invited to wear something Christmassy! Reservations will be taken November 30 and December 7.

January, all month, we will be donating canned goods to make specific meals in a bag for THRIVE. More information to follow.

Sunday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

"Gypsy" at Ferguson Center for the Arts. This hit musical will be performed by the CNU drama students. Tickets are \$9.00 and reservation dates will be announced later.

Outreach



Individual/Family Needs

- There were visits to the DUPC pantry for food and non-food items by community members.
- Provided transportation for two community members associated with DUPC to school.
- Delivered donated furniture to a family associated with DUPC.
- Provided transportation to the hospital for a community member associated with DUPC.
- Provided food for a family associated with DUPC.

Paul's Ministry

- In October, members of DUPC transported children from Paul's Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas to attend Sunday School, Worship, Chimes Choir, soccer practices, and games.
- Purchased needed college items for a student from Paul's Mobile Home Park. The Outreach Team and others would like to continue to support this young man. Anyone who would like to donate funds, make the check out to DUPC and put in the memo 'college fund'.

Clothing and More Giveaway

- The next event will be held on Sunday, November 30, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m., and the set-up will be on Saturday, November 29, at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact Sheila Stevens at 757-718-5100.

Agents of Grace

Agents of Grace was celebrated on Sunday, October 19, where we worshiped our Lord by working together in various acts of service for individuals and groups in the community and our congregation, various non-profits, and the church grounds. After worship, the volunteers joined together for lunch in Second Hall. At 12:45, the teams began their projects. See page 4 for the Agents of Grace projects.





THRIVE

- Because of their concern for the individuals and families affected by the federal shutdown, THRIVE has made available emergency help for furloughed workers with emergency food assistance on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Fridays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Those workers can also apply for assistance with critical bills online at www.thrivepeninsula.org/help.
- Chick-fil-A Victory Boulevard, through their Shared Table Program, has been donating surplus food to THRIVE Peninsula since December of 2023. That partnership has turned donations into 21,980 meals for neighbors in need, with 6,728 meals this year so far.
- Pantry needs: cereal, rice, canned spinach, canned fruit, hot sauce, spices, flour and spaghetti.



Menchville House

- The 10th annual 'MENchville' House Cooking for a Cause event will be on Saturday, November 22, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., at The Event Center of Hampton, 231 E. Mercury Blvd, Hampton. Calling all men who think they can cook. Chefs are welcomed! Cooks can reserve their spots at <https://menchvillehouse.com/events/>
- They will be preparing delicious meals for the community and competing for the 'MENchville Chef of the Year Award, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. It will be a Mardi Gras celebration, including masks, beads, and bling. The attendees will enjoy good food, live music, a silent auction and more. Tickets are \$40. Please contact Menchville House for ticket information at 757-833-5980.



Virginia Peninsula Foodbank (VPF)

- The 29th Annual Mayflower Marathon Food Drive will be November 21-23 at the Kroger at 5007-2 Victory Blvd, Yorktown, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Kroger at 1050 W. Mercury Blvd., Hampton, will also participate Friday, 5:30 p.m. - Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Simply drive-up and drop off donations.

Paul's Mobile Home Park—Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners

The Local Missions Team of the Outreach Committee will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for children and their families of Paul's Mobile Home Park, as well as some members of our congregation. Additionally, the team will provide breakfast and lunch groceries for these children from December 23-January 6 while they are at home for Winter Break. Finally, the team will give Christmas gifts (undergarments) to each child.

Please consider prayerfully making a monetary donation to offset the expenses of this annual Paul's holiday effort. Checks should be made out to Denbigh United Presbyterian Church, designating funds to Outreach Families. Please see Debbie Ames or Connie Hunt in the Narthex on Sunday mornings beginning November 2.

We are privileged to be able to extend the love of Christ to these families. Please pray for the success of our ministry efforts.



National Collection Week: November 17-24, 2025

DUPC's Collection Deadline: **November 16, 2025**

We will again collect shoe boxes filled with gifts to be sent to boys and girls in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the gospel. Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also join in the [Samaritan's Purse](#) follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.



Ways You can Help!

- 1) **Pray.** for the children who will receive a gift.
- 2) **Pack a shoebox.** Use your own shoebox or a pre-printed shoebox, which will be available at the church. Instructions will be in a brochure for your convenience.
- 3) **Donate items.** If you are unable to fill a shoebox, you can donate smaller toys, hygiene items, and school supplies (no liquids or edible items). Our Youth will take these items and fill boxes.
- 4) **Donate money.** Donations to help pay for postage will be needed for these boxes. Please make checks out to **DUPC** (Memo: Operation Christmas Child)

All supplies and brochures will be available in the narthex on October 5.

Please bring your box back on or before **Dedication Sunday, November 16, 2025**. Thank you for considering becoming a part of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Morrison at (757) 879-6729.



Adult Volunteers are needed to assist youth during Faith Weaver Friends to put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Janet Morrison at 757-879-6729 for more details.

Other News



Prayer Chains

If you are not already on the **email prayer chain** and would like to be added, please contact Elaine Minch at elainem33@cox.net or Kimberly Garriott at session@denbighunitedpres.org.

If you would like to be on the **telephone prayer chain**, please contact **Carol Lynch** at 757-930-0678.



December Digest Deadline
Monday, November 17, 2025



Happy November everyone! The leaves are changing color and falling from the trees and our preschoolers are enjoying watching them fall, along with raking them up. The most fun, of course, is jumping in the pile of the leaves. We truly love the outdoors. Our classes will focus on the meaning of Thanksgiving this month, have a little “feast” in their class and talk about family. The color brown will be all around us in our classrooms. The four-year-old class will talk about bears and they have many fun hands-on activities planned. The three-year-old class will focus on leaves, squirrels, and the wise-old-owl.

Recap of last month—In October, the children learned about fire safety and practiced important skills including fire drills and Stop, Drop, and Roll!. The Newport News Fire Truck #9 was scheduled for a visit but it had an “emergency” so they will be here on the 20th. The teachers created a pretend pumpkin patch on our playground for a cute fall picture and each child was able to choose their very own “tiny” pumpkin to take home. We had our first Chapel. We ended the month learning about Halloween safety and dressing up in our costumes for our annual Halloween Parade. After the parade, the children went trick or treating around the Preschool. They enjoyed previewing some of the displays that were set up for your “Trunk or Treat” and we took some cute pictures. What a fun day and fast October!

Children are beginning to bring in items for Operation Christmas Child. Our families are the best, always helping in any way they can. Chapel this month is Wednesday, November 19.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers that we stay safe and healthy! Thank you for your support of our preschool program!

Many Blessings!
Nancy Kerns, Director



Call 757.898.1043

Preschool Registration is Open for 2025-2026		
# of Days	Registration/ Supply/Activity Fees	Monthly Tuition
2 days (2 1/2 years) Mon./Tues.	\$155	\$155
3 days (3 years) Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$190	\$190
4 days (4 years) Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$230	\$230

In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Anneliese Collins
Aurelia Grant
Brennon Andrews
Dave and LuAnn Jusino
Dave and Bernie Rogers
Don Bickhart
Bill and Ellen Percival
Brent Osner
Geoff Rogers
George Ashby
George Brown
Gerry Ellis
Helen Thiessen
Jack Schweickardt
Jeanne Kent
Jennifer Mansell Conlon
Jim Robinson
Joe, Brenda, and Sho Bender
Joan Apley
Mike Minarik
Nancy Williams
Nell Sienko
Owen Spivey
Pauline Springer
Robin Huffman
Ruth Magill
(Jack Schweickardt's sister)
Sandie Taylor
Scott and Veronika Jones
Toni Powell
Will Cooper



OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

<i>Michael Cohen</i>	<i>Nixon Fombele</i>	<i>Daryl King</i>
<i>Cameron Dail</i>	<i>Morgan Henretta</i>	<i>Jacob Mayes</i>
<i>Grey Davenport</i>	<i>Kevin Huss</i>	<i>Joshua Silva</i>
<i>Lazaro Durruty</i>	<i>Tom Joyner</i>	<i>Gabriel Williams</i>

RESERVES

Savannah Gore
Derek James
Christian Jones
Jeff Shildt

OUR MISSIONARIES

Bruce and Deb Robinson
Meredith and Sandy Elder

We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.



† To caregivers and friends following on the death of **Morris Kincaid**, on October 14, 2025.

† To Tom Cole and family following on the death of his father, **Bill Cole**, on October 11, 2025.

† To Dave Anson; their daughters, Susan and Stephanie, and family following the death of his wife, **Shirlie Anson**, on October 4, 2025.

† To Tommy Joy and family following the death of his sister, Gloria Brown, on September 25, 2025.

† To family and friends following the death of **Jim Pharr, Jr.**, on September 3, 2025.

NOVEMBER

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DAY	NAME
1	Helen Highsmith
3	Laurel Amos
4	Melissa James
4	Sarah Phillips
5	Anneliese Collins
8	Brittany Hall
9	Joan Minarik
9	Kathleen Rohlf
9	Paul Reynolds
A10	Terry and Leone Harrison
11	Brenda McGowan Raasch
13	George Hake
15	Emily Phillips
15	Linda Nyenty
16	Rick Pauley
17	Dan Easter
17	Joseph Sienko

DAY	NAME
18A	Chris and Sandra Kochersperger
19	Kevin Huss
19	Rosemary Murphy
20	James Uma
21	Elias Clayton
21	Steve Moore
22	Henry Schwarting
23	Charles Miller
A24	Preston and Rebecca DuHamel
24	Barbara Shefelton
24	Shirley Rucker
24	Taylor Roach
26	Lea Ann Stalls
27	Ben Ellis
A28	Dexter and Pat Morgan
30	Pam McCullough

*Happy
Birthdays and
Anniversaries*

November 2025

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room EW—Education Wing
 FWF—Faith Weaver Friends GS—Girl Scouts OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online N—Narthex OS—Outside P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot
 PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PS—Preschool PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers
 S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SHF—Second Hall Foyer SF—Soccer Field SS—Sunday School V—Vacation
 Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
The church calendar changes daily. Refer to our website for the most-up-to-date calendar and events. Thank you!						1 9:00 and 10:15 Soccer Games (SF) 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends/Soccer Celebration Sunday/Picnic 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship (S, N, OL) 11:45 Picnic 6:30 Children's Hand Chimes Choir (Rm 9)	3 Preschool Parent/ Teacher Conferences (PSW) 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 6:30 GS #1013 (SH)	4 Preschool Teacher Work Day (PSW) 10:30 Accountant (Rm 10) 1:00 Bible Study (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9) 7:00 Bible Study (CR)	5 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:00 CCC (L) 11:30 Website Mtg. (CR) 5:30 FWF (All, SH, K)	6 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 7:00 Called Session Mtg. (CR/ ZM)	7 Session Reports Due	8 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 10:00-2:30 Confirmation Retreat (EW) 2:00-5:00 HRC (SH, K)
9 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship/Communion/ Baptisms (S, N, OL) 6:30 Children's Hand Chimes Choir (Rm 9)	10 9:15 Preschool PSW) NO-KIDZ'NGRIEF	11 Veteran's Day Church Office Closed 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:30 Accountant (Rm 10) 1:00 Bible Study (CR) (Set up Christmas Operation in SH) 7:00 OA (Rm 9) 7:00 Bible Study (CR)	12 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:00 Prime Tim- ers Breakfast at Shorty's Diner 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 5:30 FWF (All, SH, K)	13 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 7:00 Session (CR/ ZM)	14	15 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
16 Operation Christmas Child Sunday 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship (S, N, OL) 11:45 Potluck (SH) 6:30 Children's Hand Chimes Choir (Rm 9)	17 Boone's Sabbatical Starts December Digest Deadline 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 5:30 KIDZ'NGRIEF (All, SH) 6:30 GS #1013 (CR)	18 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:00 Esther Circle (CR) 10:30 Accountant (Rm 10) 1:00 Bible Study (CR) 7:00 Priscilla Circle (Pennell's Home) 7:00 Bible Study (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	19 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 9:45 Preschool Chapel (S) 5:30 FWF (All, SH, K)	20 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 6:30 Stewardship & Finance Task (CR) 7:00 DUPP Board (L)	21	22 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
23 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 SS (EW) 10:30 Worship (S, N, OL) 12:00 Clothing & More (SH)	24 Kimberly-V 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 5:30 KIDZ'NGRIEF (All) 6:30 GS #1013 (CR) 7:00 Worship V&P (Zm)	25 Kimberly-V 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:30 Accountant (Rm 10) 1:00 Bible Study (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9) 7:00 Bible Study (CR)	26 Kimberly-V Preschool Closed 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) NO-FWF Online Thanksgiving Service	27 Church Office/ Preschool Closed	28 Church Office/ Preschool Closed	29 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 1:00 Set Up Clothing & More (EW, SH, SHF)



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