

The Sounds & Spirit



STONE HOUSE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, October 15
10am-2pm

JOIN US FOR:



FOOD:

Barbecue, hot dogs, candy apples, cookies, and pumpkin spice latte's



PUMPKIN PATCH



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THE TEENY TINY FARM AND PONY RIDES

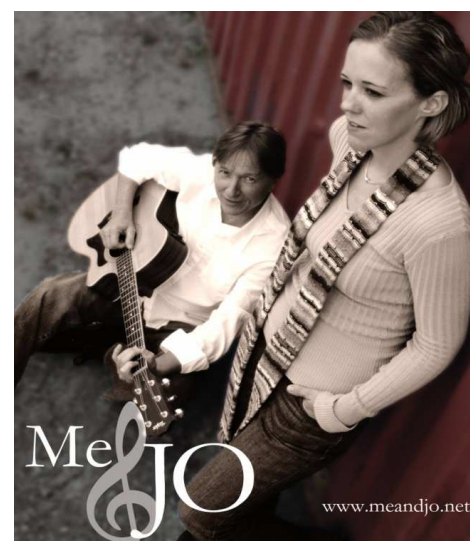


SILENT AUCTION



BOUNCE HOUSE, SLIDE, AND GAMES:

Balloon Darts, Bean Bag Toss, Apple Sling Shot, Lollipop Tree, Cake Walk @ 11:30am



All proceeds to benefit Outreach Ministries in upper James City County & Vacation Bible School at SHPC

Anniversary Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, October 23, 2011

10:00	Worship:	We Need One Another (Exodus 17)
11:00	Meeting:	Election of New Officers Long Range Planning Task Force Report
11:30	Pot-Luck Brunch	Enjoy the company of your church family

Our mission is:

To invite, encourage and equip people to discover the adventure of becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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Pebbles of Truth

Over the past 9 months, SHPC has held three “Be the Church” Sundays (BTCS) and your response has been remarkable. Over 55% of our membership, and several dozen ‘friends’ of the church, have participated in one of more of our Sunday projects, and thereby modeled for our community what service and outreach are all about. The world is full of people who ‘go’ to church! We want to ‘be’ the church; and for the past several months that is exactly what you’ve done. You’ve sorted clothes at the Thrift Stop, cleaned windows at Toano Middle School, done yard work at Hospice House, picked up trash on Moss Lane, worked on a variety of projects at Makemie Woods, chopped wood at the home of a family whose yard and house were damaged by the Gloucester tornado, made soup, run VBS at Burnt Ordinary, and worked at the homes of two elderly James City County widows. Thank you for all your hard work and congratulations on all that has been accomplished.

On Sunday, October 30th, we will be holding our **last** ‘Be the Church Sunday’ of 2011, and while we have much to be proud of, there is still a great deal more for us to do. So, I’d like to challenge us all to reach 100% participation!

Can you imagine if every single member of SHPC participated in at least one “Be the Church Sundays” in 2011? Just imagine the kind of statement we could make to God, and to this community, by being able to say that over the past year, every single member of this congregation spent at least one hour ‘being the church’?

If you have not yet participated in BTCS, then let me challenge you to mark your calendars now, and plan on joining us on October 30. We meet at the church at 10:00, scatter by 10:30, and you are home by noon! There are all kinds of projects to choose from, and we want YOU to have this experience.

Now just because you may have already participated in a BTCS doesn’t mean we don’t want YOU to also be with us on the 30th! Please come, and accept the challenge to live out your faith with your church family, for one hour.

Friends, lots of people GO to church. Let’s BE the church for a change. Come and be part of the October 30th “Be the Church Sunday” and let’s hit 100% participation.

Because of him,

Bob

Sermon Schedule

October 2	Movies with a Message - “ <i>In a Better World</i> ”	Romans 12:14-21
October 9	Movies with a Message – “The Visitor”	Romans 14:1-8
October 16	Great Stories from Scripture: Hagar & Ishmael	Genesis 16
October 23	Great Stories from Scripture: The service of Aaron	Exodus 17:8-13
October 30	Be the Church Sunday	



OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SHPC Workday 8- 11am
2 Communion Sonrisers 9am MS/HS Youth Bowling 12-2pm	3 Outreach Mtg 4pm	4	5 Stepping Stones 9:30am	6 Better ½ 10:30am	7 Martin's Group 7:30am	8 Men's Group 7:30am Habitat Workday 9am- 2pm -Hampton
9 TLC Small Group 9:00am	10	11	12 Stepping Stones 9:30am	13 Better ½ 10:30am	14 Martin's Group 7:30am	15 2 nd Annual Pumpkin Festival 10am- 2pm Newsletter items due
16 Sonrisers 9am Gamma Youth Group 11:30am- 1pm @SHPC	17	18 Session 7pm	19 Stepping Stones 9:30am Burnt Ordinary 11:30am	20 Better ½ 10:30am	21 Martin's Group 7:30am	22 Men's Group 7:30am
23 TLC Small Group 9:00am Anniversary Meeting immediately following worship Brunch 11:30am	24	25 PEVA Meeting 9AM Virginia Beach	26 Stepping Stones 9:30am	27 Better ½ 10:30am Staff/Ministry Team Meeting 7pm	28 Martin's Group 7:30am	29 Men's Group 7:30am
30 Be the Church Sunday	31					

Outreach Corner

- Burnt Ordinary:** At our lunch on September 14 we served 14 people, including three from the office. Several residents were ill in September.
- St. Olaf's Food Pantry:** Suggestions: Honey, infant formula, bean soups, raisins, rice and rice mixes, pancake mix, canned chicken, canned tomato products.
- School Tutoring:** Begins in October. Sign up on the bulletin board, or call Happy Simmons (564-7373).
- Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox collection begins this month. See related story in this month's Newsletter.
- Salvation Army:** Bell ringing and Angel Tree are coming up in November.

Operation Christmas Child

It's October, and in American churches that means its shoebox collection time again. Last year more than 8 million children all over the world received a shoebox packed with gifts at Christmas time. Since 1993 when the program started, filled shoeboxes have been sent to children in more than 130 countries.

Samaritan's Purse, the organization that collects and distributes the shoeboxes, uses them as part of its evangelical outreach programs in partnership with local churches and special ministries. One such group is a ministry to the deaf located in Ceba in the Philippines. In this country the deaf are often ignored or mistreated. Even the parents of deaf children often beat them or belittle them because they are unable to communicate.

At the Bible Baptist Church the deaf ministry run by Alfredo and Mercia Acuna tries to reach these people through teaching them sign language along with the gospel. When they first started their ministry in 1980, none could read, and none were Christians. Now 55 to 60 people of all ages attend services every Sunday.

Operation Christmas Child began to partner with this ministry in 2003. The gifts in the boxes show the children the love of Christ in a tangible way; the excitement and awe on their faces as they open their gifts and share in their friends' gifts are a testament to the power of love that reaches around the world.

Here at SHPC shoebox collection will occur on October 23 and 30 and November 6. Jim Moore will oversee this endeavor as he did last year. There are a few unwrapped shoeboxes in our information center outside the office, but most of us will find and wrap our own. Our aim, as always, is to ignite the light in a child's eyes on the other side of the world.

Discovery Time Corner

Discovery Time kicked off with a bang! All who were here enjoyed the first Sunday of class followed by cake! We are thrilled to welcome back Barbara Johnston, Dawn Padden in the preschool, Liz Dye for our Kindergarten through 2nd Graders, and Robert Johnston for our 3rd through 5th Graders!

We are also super excited to welcome Karen Mason and Renee Raspanti to our Preschool group, Scott Chisholm and Brenda Jackson to our K to 2 Group, and Mike Padden, Brian Garlock,

and Jim and Sandy Goalder to our 3rd to 5th Group! We can't do it without our teacher volunteers and we are blessed to have this dynamic team this year!

Stay tuned for more to come!! And, SAVE THE DATE for Friday, December 9th! We are hosting a PARENT'S NIGHT OUT just in time for Christmas!

Stone House Preschool...in the News!

Wow! Once the lights came back on, we had a fabulous first month of preschool! We are currently serving 45 preschoolers ages 2 through 5 in four different classes! We are now here 5 days per week and we love every minute of it. This year, our entire staff from last year is returning - Jennifer Baldwin, Melissa Carawan, Andrea Chisholm, and Devon Gallo. We are also blessed this year to welcome a few "new" faces - Terri Barden, Rachel Muniz, and Colleen Lynch! Please come see us!

Our themes this month included Welcome to Your Class, All About Me, Apples, and Fall! Beginning next month, we will start our Lunch Bugs program and we are hosting a visit from the WJCC Fire Department in recognition of Fire Safety Week!

God is truly working in our preschool and we are grateful to Him every day for the chance to teach these precious little people!

Farm Fresh 1234 is back...

Good news! We have been approved for the Farm Fresh 1234 program – you, your family, and friends can send in their Farm Fresh receipts and we get FREE stuff (we've gotten drying racks, dress-up carts, art supplies, cameras, etc). It's an awesome program! There is an envelope on the preschool bulletin board in the upstairs hallway for you to put your receipts. The item's SHPC earns from this program benefit our Discovery Time children and our Preschool program so start collecting your receipts today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION

September 20, 2011 – Stated Meeting

- Proceeds from the 2011 Pumpkin Festival will be allocated for ministries in upper James City County through Outreach Ministry and Vacation Bible School during the 2012 calendar year.
- Approved a Long-Range Plan with goals for 2012 and beyond. The Plan will be made available to the congregation at the Anniversary Meeting on October 23rd.

Financial Corner:

September Income

Member Contributions
\$20,585.00.00

Monthly Budget
\$21,450.00

September Expenses

Actual Expenses Budget
\$21,896.39 \$23,373.00

As of September 30, 2011 we are \$20,082.59 in the red –year to date.

2011 Leadership Team of Stone House Presbyterian Church

Session: Class of 2011	Scott Chisholm, Liz Dye, Ralph Simmons
Session: Class of 2012	Char King, Karen Mason, Jim Romesburg
Session: Class of 2013	Scott Kiger, Jim Moore, Iris Redmond
Clerk of Session:	Char King
Church Treasurer:	Sharon Stupp
Corporation President:	Liz Dye

<u>Ministry Team</u>	<u>Point Person(s)</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Children's Team</u>	Barbara Johnston/Dawn Padden	Dawn Padden	741-2762/369-2774
<u>Fellowship Team</u>	Carol Proctor	Char King	566-0819
<u>Foundations Team</u>	Char King	Char King	564-0724
<u>Outreach Team</u>	Ann Moore/Nell Wingfield	Liz Dye	565-0079/566-4524
<u>Small Groups</u>	Anne Grossman	Liz Dye	566-8245
<u>Worship Team</u>	Pastor Bob Melone & Nicole Belanus		565-1130
<u>Youth Team</u>	Pastor Bob Melone & Nicole Belanus		565-1130

<u>Administrative Committees</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Building and Grounds</u>	Scott Chisholm	Colleen Lynch	2503202
<u>Marketing & Publicity Team</u>	Scott Kiger		250-3244
<u>Personnel Committee</u>	Ralph Simmons, Scott Chisholm, Jim Romesburg/Scott Kiger	Jim Moore	564-7373/250-3202/ 566-9047/250-3244

<u>Congregational Committees</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Casey Duplantier, Charlie Hart- Chair, Chuck Loppacker	Jim Moore	565-4334/566-0090/565-0079 566-8093
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Selwa Fiskus, Kathy Douglas, Ruth Low, Jim Romesburg, Scott Chisholm		234-0034/804-966-2614/741-2040 566-9047/250-3202

<u>SHPC Staff:</u>			
Pastor		Bob Melone	X13
Director of Music, Arts, & Media Ministries		Nicole Belanus	X12
Director of Preschool		Dawn Padden	X17
Business Manager		Colleen Lynch	X10