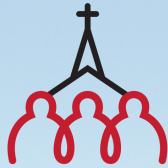


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



THE POWER OF INVITATION

In the October newsletter, I invited you to participate with me in greeting our community on our front lawn on Glen Allen Day. I want to commend the Ruth Fidelis class and several others of you who responded to that call. Here is why it matters...

That morning was full of laughter and conversation among our own Glen Allen members before 8am. We ate donuts, set out chairs, and talked about our favorite coffee flavors. Then the community started to show up. There were questions like, "Can we really park here for free?" "Can we use one of your chairs?" "How much are the donuts?"

In every conversation, we shared a smile and a connection. Once we got to know them a little, we also invited them to join us for Wednesday night dinner. That Wednesday, three different groups who were present on our front lawn showed up. When asked why, they said, "You invited us at Saturday's parade!"

I can't stress enough the power of meeting people where they are and inviting them to the next step of connection. It starts with a simple "hello." We have many opportunities to do just that in the next few months. It requires just two things: 1) showing up and 2) saying "Hello!" Let's be present and continue extending invitations!

Serving Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

11/6 Daylight Saving Time ends

11/5 Moments of Hope

11/15 Deacons' Meeting

11/16 Rise Against Hunger

11/22 Community Thanksgiving Service

11/24 Thanksgiving Day

11/27 First Sunday of Advent

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

Dear Glen Allen Baptist,

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generous acknowledgements of Patricia Perego's life. We feel blessed with the many fond memories of Glen Allen Baptist through many generations of our family. The love and support means so much. The flowers were beautiful and much appreciated.

Sincerely, Jo Pfahning (sister) and family

Dear members of Glen Allen Baptist Church and friends,

Please accept my humble apologies for the length of time it has taken me to offer my heartfelt words of thanks and appreciation to each of you for your support of me through prayers, visitation, food, many "Get Well" cards and much, much more during my recent "heart attacks" and cardiovascular rehabilitation. God has truly blessed me with such a wonderful extended family, so many sisters, brothers, mothers and fathers, I am truly blessed. May God richly bless each of you for your individual kindness and generosity shown to me in my true time of need. Praise God's Holy Name for the Life and Health we all are blessed to have and enjoy to HIS Glory!

David Arthur Stone

Wednesday Night Dinners

November 2 - Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets

November 9 - Chicken cordon bleu, baked potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets

November 16 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets

November 30 - Baked ham, baked sweet potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets



Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

On Wednesday, November 16, we will transform our Wednesday Night Dinner into a mission and community engagement opportunity. Our goal is to pack 10,152 meals for Rise Against Hunger for distribution worldwide. All of the supplies will be provided. One group will pack from 5-6pm while another group eats. We will switch at 6pm and continue until 7pm. We need volunteers to help with set up and clean up as well. Already, we have 40+ children and families who are signed up to participate. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Please sign up online at <https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/GABC2022> or call the church office. You can also donate to defray the costs of this project on that link as well.

Mission News

Our Coats for Kids project for a local Henrico County School, Longdale Elementary, is right around the corner. Longdale Elementary has grades from pre-k to 5th grade, over 450 students. Originally built in 1922 on Greenwood Road, relocated after a fire in 1933 and just celebrated it's 100 anniversary this month.

The current need for Longdale students includes:

BOYS - XS need 14; SMALL need 7; MEDIUM need 11; LARGE need 6; XL need 7, XXL need 4 or from S/M Men

GIRLS - XS need 16, SMALL need 8, 6X need 3; LARGE need 11; XL need 1; XXL need 6 or S/M Ladies
Wal-Mart is a great source for sizes and price.

Please bring coats to the empty racks nears the office no later than November 9th.

Distribution is NOVEMBER 10/11/17/18 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays, November 12 and 19 from 9 am-12 noon. VOLUNTEERS are needed on distribution days. Come and see all the smiling faces!

Moments of Hope - Our next Moments of Hope is Saturday, November 12. Currently we do not have many socks to give out that day. Please consider a donation of warm socks for the homeless. Like to contribute? Put them in the bins in the Welcome Center next to the Lamb's Basket cabinet.

Musician in Residence

We are grateful for Clayton Parker's leadership over the last two months as our first Musician in Residence. Rev. Gayle Taylor will join us for November through Christmas Eve. Gayle has served most recently at Bethel Baptist Church, and we look forward to learning from her during her time with us. We are still actively seeking a permanent person for the position. Resumes can be sent to Dr. Fallen or someone on the Personnel Committee.

Community Thanksgiving Service - It's Back!



After a 2-year pandemic hiatus, our Community Thanksgiving Service is back. We will join with 4 other local congregations to give thanks and celebrate together. We will hear stories of God's abundance during this season apart and we will give glory to God for all of our blessings. The service begins at 7:00pm at GABC.

Associate Pastor Search

Our Personnel Committee has been reviewing resumes and beginning interviews for our Associate Pastor position. We ask for your continued prayers through this process.

Children's Christmas Play

Calling all children (and some grownups too!). We've got lots of parts for our Christmas play, On the Way to Bethlehem. We'll be practicing mostly on Sunday mornings during Children's Choir and a couple possible evening practices in November/December. Most of the parts are easy enough for all ages, but we do need some grownups for our narrator roles. Please email leighanne.collier@gmail.com if you want more info or to participate!



Youth News

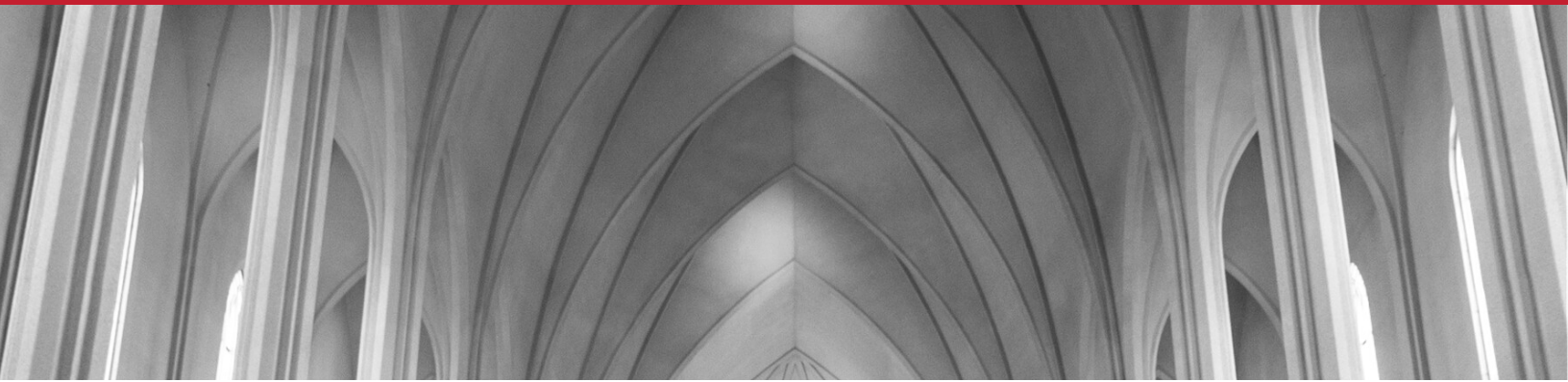
It is truly hard to believe that it is the month of November and the holidays are right around the corner. Where has the time gone? The annual Youth Fall Retreat is coming up next weekend from November 4-6 in Louisa, VA at Small Country Campground; where we have stayed twice before. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship, fun, and a spiritual experience.

On November 12, we will participate in Moments of Hope again as we minister to the homeless. The past couple of visits have required over 400+ meals as our number of those in need continues to increase monthly. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers. When I think of those in need, I often think of how fortunate we are and how each one of us are just one "situation" from being in the same boat as them. They are truly our brothers and sisters in Christ and should be treated as such. As we prepare for a big month with Moments of Hope and being close to the holidays, we will need quite a few volunteers to help. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Continue to keep our youth and their families in their thoughts and prayers. While we have seen us move in a positive direction away from the pandemic, attendance of our youth and their families continues to be a struggle. Many families currently have a lot of obligations, catching up on lost time from school, etc. The power of prayer is real and is well appreciated and can be felt.

Rev. Dr. William J. Crowder, Jr.
Associate Pastor for Youth & Family Ministry





SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for all ages will continue to meet at 9:15 a.m. Come early for donuts!

Children's Sunday School - We meet at 9:15am on the first floor of the education building. Sunday School classes meet from 9:15-10am and Choir meets from 10-10:15. Our kids are having lots of fun learning, singing and playing together.

If you have youth interested in our *Youth* class, please contact Rusty Lee or Dr. Fallen. We are happy to explore some other times and locations for youth Bible study.

Here are our adult classes:

New Young Adult/Parent Class – Room 102

Open Door Class – Room 305

Genesis Class – Room 311

Ruth Fidelis Class (women's class) – Room 312

We hope to see you in Sunday School in November!

Wednesday Night Children's Time

We are having some activities on Wednesdays nights for kids from 6:15-7pm. Each Wednesday our kids will have the opportunity to visit the church library. After the library, we'll come down and have fellowship time together with games, mission videos and free play. Our children love building relationships with their church friends through play. Sometimes things come up unexpectedly during the week and our volunteers who are parents of young ones are not able to be there on Wednesdays. We are looking for some adults to be on "standby" to help cover playtime if this happens. Please consider being a "standby" helper so we can make sure we're able to keep providing Wednesday activities for our kids.



Preaching Schedule:

11/6 *Luke 6:20-31*
Blessings and Woes

11/13 *Isaiah 65:17-25*
Hope

11/20 *Isaiah 12*
Reasons for
Thanksgiving

11/27 *Advent Begins*