

## NAACP to meet

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster County NAACP will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.

Mason Boyd of Lancaster will make a presentation regarding a start-up program called "Second Chances," said president Lloyd Hill. The program will help those formerly incarcerated in adjusting to being back in society.

"I feel that a man who may have lost everything but still has God, is a man who has the potential to regain what he has lost," said Hill.

In other business, plans will be revealed for voter registration drives from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 18 at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock and 9 a.m. to noon February 25 at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems.

Information also will be shared regarding a visit by a representative of Rappahannock Legal Aid to Sharon Baptist Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 28. To schedule an appointment for this visit, call 443-9343.

Branch member Roscoe Moody will kick off a new feature of the Lancaster County NAACP's monthly meetings when he offers his reflections about life in Kilmarnock and relates a few events from the life of his recently departed 102-year-old aunt as well as her funeral service.

## Seniors to meet

The Corrottoman Seniors Club will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, at the Ruritan Club Center near Lively.

The Rev. David Cromer of Corrottoman Baptist Church will be the speaker, said secretary Mavis Sullivan. Bring a donation for the food bank. Bingo will be played.

A trip is planned to Fredericksburg April 18 for the play "Cabaret." The ticket includes transportation, lunch and the play. Call Hazel Ford at 462-7895 or Fannie Clingon at 435-1713 for details.

Cake hostesses for February are Clingon, Ford and Jean Smith.



John Pitman as Petey Fisk practices his lines with Yippy.

## Players add two shows to 'Greater Tuna' calendar

A surprise surge of advanced reservations for "Greater Tuna" has prompted the Lancaster Players, director Randal Tyler and the cast to add two extra performances.

"Five weeks prior to the March 16 opening and this is happening! It's very hard to believe," said Tyler.

Added performances are 7 p.m. March 22 and March 29. The doors will open each night at 7 p.m. for a social hour with cash bar and snacks. The play will begin at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, March 25, doors will open at 2 p.m. and the play will begin at 3 p.m.

There will be a short "entrée act" containing an original country song; "Pamper Me," written by Tyler, and featuring a surprise audience giveaway. All seats are reserved. For tickets, call The Lancaster Players at 435-3776 or visit lancasterplayers.org for PayPal reservations and/or reservation form download.

## Black history scholar to visit

In celebration of Black History Month, Coppin State University distinguished professor Dr. Charles M. Christian will speak this week to Lancaster and Northumberland teachers, students, administrators and community members.

Dr. Christian will present "Your Role in the American Experience: Multicultural and Personal Approaches to History" at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock.

"I am very excited about Dr. Christian's visit to talk with faculty and students about his extensive research for the Black Saga book and his innovative educational competition," said Lancaster school superintendent Dr. Daniel Lukich. "I also strongly encourage all area



Dr. Charles M. Christian

citizens to come hear his fascinating public presentation on Saturday morning."

Dr. Christian's four-day trip to the Northern Neck is sponsored by the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library. There is no charge for the lecture, said museum executive director Karen Hart.

## Christchurch School Theater Department will present 'Anything Goes'

The Christchurch School Theater Department, under the direction of Stephen Kasold, will present Cole Porter's madcap musical "Anything Goes" at 8 p.m. February 23, 24 and 25. Performances will be held in Marston Gymnasium.

Set in the 1930s, the show takes place aboard an ocean liner, sailing from New York to England and features such favorite musical numbers as "I Get a Kick out of You," "You're the Top," and "Be Like the Bluebird."

The production features the talents, on-stage and behind-the-scenes, of more than 50 Christchurch students.

Northern Neck students involved in the production include Reese Rogers of Reedville as Elijah Whitney, Eric Segal of Kilmarnock as Luke, Braden Young of Kilmarnock as Chastity and David Treakle of Irvington as an FBI agent and a member of the Sailor Quartet.

Tickets are free, but reservations are required. To reserve tickets, call 758-2300 ext. 144, or e-mail boxoffice@christchurchschool.org.

## AREA EVENTS

### ■ Spaghetti

Afton United Methodist Church at 5130 Hacks Neck Road in Ophelia will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, February 18, in the fellowship hall. The dinner is sponsored by Betty Gaskins' Sunday school class. Proceeds will be used to support ministries of the church.

Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12; those under age 3 are free. The menu will include spaghetti, with or without meat sauce, salad, Italian bread, desserts, iced tea and coffee. Takeouts are available; call 453-5945.

### ■ Jam session

Fairfields United Methodist Church will host an open mic jam session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 20, for those who like to play, sing or listen to country, gospel, bluegrass or folk music.

The event will take place in the activities building, behind the church parking lot. There is no charge. Patrons may bring a dessert or cookies to share, but it is not necessary.

### ■ Exhibit closes

"Wedding Dresses and Accessories: 1855-1929" at the Mary Ball Washington Museum at 8346 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster will close Friday, February 17. The exhibit showcases fashions from the Civil War era, Victorian and Edwardian periods, and Roaring Twenties.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Admission is \$3.00.

### ■ Coffee house

The February 17 open mic coffee house at White Stone United Methodist Church will feature Barbara Williams and Glen Abbott.

Donations will be accepted. Snacks will be provided. Doors open at 7 p.m. and close at 9 p.m.

### ■ Winterstack2

Winterstack2 February 25 at Festival Halle in Reedville will feature Throwin' Wake and Sweet Justice. Admission is \$20 per person; must be age 21 or older.

Tickets are available at Lilian Lumber Home Center in Burgess, Noblett's Appliance in Kilmarnock and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, or call 453-6529.

### ■ Pruning clinic

The Northern Neck Master Gardeners will hold a fruit-tree pruning clinic from 10 a.m. to noon February 25 at 1013 Coan Harbour Drive in Lottsburg.

Participants should bring a pair of clean, sharp, hand bypass pruners. The fee is \$5. The clinic is offered by Northern Neck Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension. For directions, call 580-5694.

### ■ Parenting class

The Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board Prevention Services Division will conduct a Children First co-parenting education class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. February 25 at the MH/SA administration office at 13794 The Tidewater Trail in Saluda.

The class is designed to prevent custody conflicts for divorced, separated spouses, single parents. The fee is \$50 per person. Payment must be made by February 23. Call 1-888-773-8550, or rvuc.com for payment directions.

### ■ History seminar

The A.T. Johnson Museum on February 25 will present "Telling One Story-Part 1," the first of two seminars chronicling the evolution of educational opportunities in Westmoreland County. The seminars are offered in partnership with the Westmoreland County Museum and Stratford Hall.

The free seminar, from 3 to 5 p.m., will be held in the A.T. Johnson Museum auditorium. Part 1 will cover the years from 1653 to 1958 and will highlight the struggles of white and black communities to overcome the negligence and disparity in educational opportunities.

## Auction plans are under way; boat raffle tickets are available

Chesapeake Academy's annual silent and live auction with dinner will be held at 6 p.m. May 5 on the Rowe Campus in Irvington. A dedicated group of volunteers are busy planning this major fundraiser, known as one of the Northern Neck's most successful and entertaining social events, said development associate Catherine Emry. Chesapeake Academy's annual auction is packed with spectacular gifts, exclusive trips, services and products and is a vital fundraiser supplementing the school's programs while helping fund scholarships for eligible students.

The theme will be "Saturday Night Live!" celebrating the 35th annual auction benefiting Chesapeake Academy. The '70s-themed auction is predicted to surpass the level of excitement and creativity of previous events, said Emry.

Raffle tickets are being sold on a chance to win a 2012 Boston Whaler 130 Super Sport (13') powered by a 40hp Mercury 4-stroke outboard with galva-

nized trailer. The boat is provided by Chesapeake Boat Basin of Kilmarnock, she said.

Tickets are \$20 each. Tickets are available locally at Chesapeake Boat Basin, Specials and Chesapeake Academy. Tickets also will be available at the Chesapeake Boat Basin booth at the Richmond Boat Show, February 17 through 19. For pictures and more details, visit winawhaler.com.

"The fun of procuring items has already begun," said Emry. "Every year we are indebted to innumerable individuals and businesses in the Northern Neck who loyally support this event. Original artwork, furniture, jewelry, resort vacations and other items only available at the Chesapeake Academy auction including original one-of-a-kind events or programs are just some of the items up for bid."

To become a sponsor, purchase an ad in the auction catalogue or donate a service or item, contact Emry at 438-5575, or cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org.

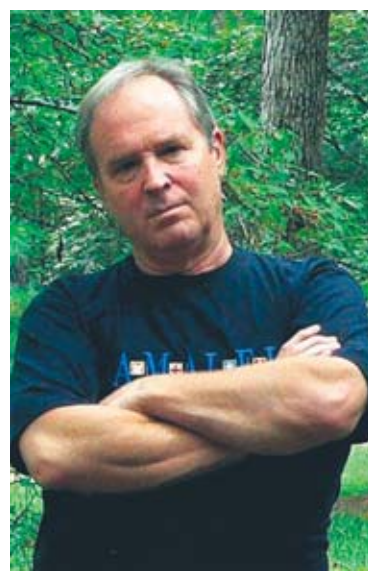
## Viewpoints series to begin March 5

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury (RWC) near Irvington recently announced its 2012 Viewpoints series.

"We're delighted that, for the eleventh year in a row, we are able to bring engaging individuals to the Northern Neck to speak on a variety of interesting and timely topics," said RWC president Stuart Bunting.

On March 5, Tim Timberlake, a freelance Richmond-based broadcaster and radio personality, will speak. Many will remember him as the co-anchor of Richmond's Channel 12 News at Noon or as the co-host and eventual anchor of Richmond's WRVA Morning Show. For his work on air, Timberlake received numerous honors, including the Frank Soden Lifetime Achievement Award and election to the Richmond Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2001.

On April 2, Josiah Bunting III, president of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation in New York will speak. He wrote *The Lionheads* based on his experiences in Vietnam, as well as four novels and biographies of U.S. Grant and George C. Marshall. Bunting served as president of



Tim Timberlake

Briarcliff College and Hampden Sydney College, and as superintendent at Virginia Military Institute.

On May 7, Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, newly appointed superintendent at Fort Monroe National Monument, will speak. A veteran of the National Park Service, Talken-Spaulding

has served as chief ranger at National Capital Parks-East and in management positions at other parks in Virginia, Hawaii and California. She will be joined by William Armbruster, who served from 2008 until 2011 as executive director of the Fort Monroe Authority.

On June 4, Duery Felton, curator of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection at the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will speak. Felton served in Vietnam and was wounded in combat. He is responsible for collecting and cataloging artifacts left at the memorial or donated for inclusion in the collection.

Viewpoints presentations begin at 11 a.m. in the auditorium at RW-C at 132 Lancaster Drive. The presentations are free. A complimentary buffet luncheon follows each speech.

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for the March presentation, call 438-4000 on or after February 20. RW-C maintains a waiting list and will honor reservations in the order received. Separate reservations must be made for each event.

## Civil War expert to present lecture at St. Margaret's

St. Margaret's School will host Civil War expert James I. "Bud" Robertson Jr. at 7 p.m. February 24 in the Ball Memorial Gymnasium at 612 Water Lane in Tappahannock. The public is urged to attend. There is no charge.

In 1961, Dr. Robertson was picked by President John F. Kennedy to serve as executive director of the national commission of the Civil War Centennial, said Joanna Schilling. He returned to the White House in November 1963, at the request of Kennedy's aides, to redecorate the East Room for the slain President Kennedy exactly as it had been decorated when Abraham Lincoln lay in state.

Dr. Robertson is the author of more than 20

books on the Civil War. His latest book, *The Untold Civil War: Exploring the Human Side of War*, was published by National Geographic. Copies will be available for purchase during a book-signing following the lecture, said Schilling.

Robertson taught for 43 years at Virginia Tech. By the time he retired in Spring 2011, he had founded the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies and the university had amassed more than 8,000 books, she said.

Robertson also gained recognition through his collection of radio commentaries on NPR and his Blue Ridge Public Television documentary "Virginia in the Civil War: A Sesquicentennial Remembrance," added Schilling.



## February

### 16 Thursday

**AA**, 8 p.m., De Sales Hall and Kilmarnock United Methodist Church, Kilmarnock.  
**AI-ANON**, 8 p.m., Kilmarnock Baptist Church.  
**Alateen**, 8 p.m., Kilmarnock Baptist Church.  
**Brain Injury Support Group**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Riverside Walter Reed Hospital, Gloucester. 725-2829.  
**No-Name Needlers**, 1 p.m., The Art of Coffee, Montross. 493-0873.  
**Cancer Support Group**, 3 p.m., Rappahannock General Hospital. 435-8593.  
**Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.  
**Grief Support Group**, 2 p.m., Henderson United Methodist Church, near Callao.  
**Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Woman's Club of White Stone. \$3. 435-6207.  
**Rappatoc Writers Critique Group**, 2-4 p.m., Ferebees in Tappahannock.  
**The Planning Commission** for Lancaster County, 7 p.m., Board room, administration building, Lancaster.  
**The Planning Commission** for Northumberland County, 7 p.m., Courts building, 39 Judicial Place, Heathsville.  
**Virginia Native Plant Society**, noon, Wicomico Parish, Wicomico Church. Teta Kain to present "Along Came A Spider." Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks, light refreshments provided.  
**Volunteers Needed**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Help Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity build a house. 435-3461, or LNHabitat.org.  
**Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society Northern Neck Chapter**, 11:30 a.m., Pilot House Restaurant, Topping. The future of the chapter will be considered.

### 17 Friday

**AA**, noon, Trinity Church, Lancaster.  
**AA**, 8 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Kilmarnock.  
**AA**, 8 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock.  
**AI-Anon**, noon, Bay Center for Spiritual Development, 31 Noblett Lane, Kilmarnock.  
**Bingo**, 7 p.m., Lively firehouse.  
**Overeaters Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m., Rappahannock Church of Christ, 9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw. 529-6671.  
**"Toy Story"**, 7 p.m., Lancaster Middle School Theater, School Street, Kilmarnock. LMS Drama Club presentation. \$5 adults, \$3 students.  
**Coffee House/Open Mic Night**, 7-9 p.m., White Stone Church of the Nazarene. Barbara Williams, Glen Abbott and others. Donations accepted.

### 18 Saturday

**AA**, 8 p.m., Irvington Baptist Church.  
**AA**, 8 p.m., Heathsville United Methodist Church.  
**AA**, 8 p.m., Henderson United Methodist Church.  
**Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.  
**Northern Neck Computer Users Group**, 10 a.m. meeting at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, near Irvington. Nina Buzby will demonstrate creating music with the Encore music authoring program.  
**Spade to Soup:Vegetable Gardening 101**, 9:30 a.m., Cook's Corner County Office Building, 2911 General Puller Highway, Cook's Corner. Dr. Wayne Moyer will lead the program.  
**Dr. Charles M Christian**, 11 a.m., Lancaster Middle School Theater, Kilmarnock. Dr. Christian will present "Your Role in the American Experience: Multicultural and Personal Approaches to History." Sponsored by the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library.  
**Scout Lasagna**, 7 p.m., Wicomico United Methodist Church, Wicomico Church. \$9 adults, \$5 children. To help fund an Eagle Scout project. Eat in or take out.  
**Serving Spaghetti**, 5-7 p.m., De Sales Hall on Church Street, Kilmarnock. Knights of Columbus fundraiser. \$10 adults, children ages 10 and younger eat free.  
**Spaghetti Dinner**, 5-7 p.m., Afton United Methodist Church, 5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Carryout available. 453-5945.  
**"Toy Story"**, 7 p.m., Lancaster Middle School Theater, School Street, Kilmarnock. LMS Drama Club presentation. \$5 adults, \$3



Ray Stansel (above) will donate one of his carvings for a door prize at the 33rd annual Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show.

## Waterfowl Show door prize is a Stansel decoy

Celebrating its 33rd year March 17 and 18, the Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show will offer wildfowl art in its many forms, including original paintings, decorative carvings, gunning style decoys, folk art style carvings, prints, photography and bronze sculptures.

Subjects will include songbirds, shorebirds, birds of prey, ducks and geese, said organizer Pat Bruce. Works by 86 carvers and artists will fill the White Stone firehouse.

Ray Stansel of Nashville, Tenn., will provide a decoy carving for the weekend door prize, said Bruce. The winner of many blue ribbons and best in show awards, Stansel is a member of the Tennessee Arts and Crafts Association and the Tennessee Association of Woodturners. His work may be found in private collections across the U.S. and in Scotland, Paris and Tel Aviv. This is his 17th year as an exhibitor at this show.

The Preview Night door prize will be an original painting by John Obolewics of Powhatan, said Bruce. Preview Night Gala tickets are

available until March 9. For tickets, call 435-6355, email [infor@rrwas.org](mailto:infor@rrwas.org), or visit [rrws.org](http://rrws.org).

Tim Donovan is the the artist of the year. Color copies of his original painting of a green heron and a pair of black ducks will be given away to visitors to the show each day, she said.

The Rappahannock Decoy Carvers Guild will conduct its annual carving contest on March 17 at the White Stone Woman's Club adjacent to the firehouse, said Bruce. The Virginia Waterfowlers Association will offer special presentations and demonstrations for children and adults.

Show sponsors include the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department, W.F. Booth and Son Inc., Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust, Rappahannock Rentals, Lawler Real Estate, Currie Funeral Home and Willaby's. Proceeds benefit the fire department's operations.

Admission is \$8. Children under age 12 are admitted free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 18.

students.  
**Valentine Dance**, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lively firehouse. Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. \$10 per person. Music will be by DJ "KO" Keith O'Bier. Patrons may bring their own beverages. Drinking age is 21. IDs will be checked.

### 19 Sunday

**AA**, 7:30 p.m., White Stone United Methodist Church.  
**AA**, 5:30 p.m., Henderson United Methodist Church.  
**"Toy Story"**, 2 p.m., Lancaster Middle School Theater, School Street, Kilmarnock. LMS Drama Club presentation. \$5 adults, \$3 students.

### 20 Monday

**AA**, noon, Palmer Hall.  
**AA**, 8 p.m., Fairfield's United Methodist Church.  
**Cub Scout Pack 242**, 7 p.m., Kilmarnock Baptist Church. 413-7011.  
**Weight Watchers**, 5:30 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock.  
**Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Woman's Club of White Stone. \$3. 435-6207.  
**Northumberland Homemakers**, 11 a.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Heathsville. 580-8613.  
**Free Bridge Lessons**, 9-11 a.m., Woman's Club of Northumberland clubhouse, Lottsburg. 529-7029.  
**Lancaster Library Book Club**, 2:30 p.m., Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock. 435-1729.  
**Open House**, 2-6 p.m., Office of Dr. Alfred D. Hurt Jr., 764 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Burgess. To meet Dr. Leslie J. Fina, who will be taking over the dental practice.  
**Jam Session**, 6:30 p.m., Fairfield's United Methodist Church activities building, Burgess. Open mic for country, bluegrass, gospel and folk music.

### 21 Tuesday

**Celebrate Recovery**, 7-9 p.m., White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center, 57 Whisk Drive. 435-9886.  
**AA**, 7 and 8 p.m., Palmer Hall.  
**AI-ANON**, 8 p.m., Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.  
**Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Woman's Club of Lancaster. 462-0742.  
**Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band**, 7 p.m., Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Weems. 462-7125.  
**Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.  
**Overeaters Anonymous**, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 435 East Church Street, Kilmarnock.  
**Aphasia Group**, 11 a.m., Rappahannock General Hospital Rahab Outpatient Center, 43 Harris Road, Kilmarnock. \$40 per month, or \$10 per session. 435-8501.  
**Volunteers Needed**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Help Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity build a house. 435-3461, or LNHabitat.org.  
**Lancaster County NAACP**, 7 p.m., Bank of Lancaster northside branch, Kilmarnock. Plans for upcoming banquet. 462-0798.  
**Lancaster County Republican Committee**, 7 p.m., Chesapeake Bank Training Center, 51 School Street, Kilmarnock. Bishop E.W. Jackson, a candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, will speak.  
**Corrottoman Seniors Club**, 10 a.m., Lively Ruritan Center  
**The ABCs Of The Chesapeake Bay Oyster, A New Industry**, 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m.-noon, free symposium. Bayne Center at Christ Church, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems.

**Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board**, 2:30 p.m., Administrative Office, Saluda.  
**Cooking Demonstration**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Northern Neck Family YMCA, Kilmarnock. Pampered Chef consultant Roxanne Norris. Catalog sales to benefit Guardian program. 435-0223  
**Pancake Supper**, 5-7 p.m., White Stone United Methodist Church. \$6 adults, \$3 children. Purchase tickets from church members, or call 435-3555.  
**Pancake Supper**, 5-7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church parish hall. Donations welcome. Takeout available.  
**Pancake Supper**, 6 p.m., St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Donations appreciated.  
**Pancake Supper**, 5-7 p.m., St. Mary's Fleeton. \$6 adults, \$3 children.  
**Fat Tuesday Celebration**, 6 p.m., St. John's, Warsaw. Louisiana cuisine.

### 22 Wednesday

**AA**, 8 p.m., Trinity Church.  
**The Rotary Breakfast Club**, 7:30 a.m., Lee's Restaurant, Kilmarnock.  
**The Kiwanis Club**, 7:30 a.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock.  
**The Rotary Club** for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone, 12:30 p.m., Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.  
**The Northern Neck Baytones**, 2 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock. 453-6517.  
**Welcome Wednesdays**, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Northern Neck Montessori School, Kilmarnock. Parents, visitors welcome. Tour school, observe students. 435-3503.

### 23 Thursday

**No-Name Needlers**, 1 p.m., The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.  
**Cancer Support Group**, 3 p.m., Rappahannock General Hospital. 435-8593.  
**Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.  
**Grief Support Group**, 2 p.m., Henderson United Methodist Church near Callao.  
**Lancaster Board of Supervisors**, 7 p.m., courthouse, Lancaster.  
**Mahjong**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., White Stone Woman's Club. Bring a sandwich. Desserts and beverages provided. \$4. 435-2406.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**, 10:30 a.m., Commonwealth Assisted Living, 460 S. Main St., Kilmarnock. Respite care with reservation, 435-9896.  
**Volunteers Needed**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Help Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity build a house. 435-3461, or LNHabitat.org.  
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## Swan story to be shared

Gwen Keane will review her book, *Swan Wait*, for the Books Alive program at 7 p.m. February 28 at the Northumberland Public Library in Heatshville.

The book is a story that resulted from eight years of observing and relating to mute swans that came to the waterfront property of Keane and her husband, Bill Balderston. Both took many photos of the swans, some of which are included in the book.

“Our book is a story about the relationship between humans and creatures in the wild,” said Keane. “I respect the fact that they are wild-life – not pets. Yet the swans were receptive to my curiosity. My book is a nonfiction story about our journey with the ‘come-here’ swans.”

When she grew up in Ditchley, there were no swans, said Keane. That in itself was intriguing to her now. The couple began to talk to friends about the relationship they were developing with the birds



Gwen Keane

and Keane’s writing group urged her to do the book, her first.

“Yes, our come-here swans are a very controversial subject, but not the point of my book,” she said.

Although she left the Northern Neck in 1967, she returned to visit over the years. In 2003, she retired from federal service and moved back to the Northern Neck to a home on Indian Creek.

Refreshments and book signing will follow the review and discussion.



## Family and friends join 90th celebration

Martha Bradshaw of White Stone recently celebrated her 90th birthday with 90 family members and close friends at the White Stone Event Center. After a lunch of her favorite foods, she was assisted in blowing out the 90 candles on her cake by the youngest members of her family.

## Contest launched to pick design for VIMS Marine Science Day

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science recently announced an art contest to select a design for VIMS Marine Science Day 2012.

The theme is flounder, and a flounder must be included in the artwork, said Susan Maples. There are categories for adults and children.

First-place winners will receive a framed copy (or

original) of their entry, said Maples. The grand prize winner’s artwork will be used in publications, advertisements, and featured on the 2012 Marine Science Day t-shirt.

For rules and information, visit [vims.edu/public/msd](http://vims.edu/public/msd), or call Maples at 684-7846. The deadline for entries is 2 p.m. March 1.

### ■ Oyster roast

The 18th annual Smith Point Sea Rescue (SPSR) Oyster Roast will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. March 3 at Little River Seafood in Burgess.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Jetts Hardware, Lilian Lumber Home Center, Noblett Inc., R.W. Sports Shop and SPSR members. Children under age 10 can eat for free. For directions, visit [smithpointsearescue.com](http://smithpointsearescue.com).

### ■ Blood drive

River Counties American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. February 27 at Kilmarnock Baptist Church at 65 East Church Street in Kilmarnock. Donors are reminded to bring identification, drink plenty of water and eat a good meal.

### ■ Winter concert

The Northern Neck Orchestra (NNO) will present “Serenade for a Winter’s Day” at 3 p.m. February 26 at the Northumberland High School Auditorium in Claraville.

Tickets are \$20 each, or free for students. Tickets will be available at the door, The Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, Ross’s Rings and Things, The Book Nook, Material Girl Quilt Shop, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury and 438-5225.

### ■ Community dinner

The Kilmarnock Seventh-day Adventist Church will serve a free community dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. February 28 at the church at 401 South Main Street in Kilmarnock. Take-out meals will be available for shut-ins; call 435-1579.

### ■ Hake fish feast

The Men of Macedonia will hold a hake fish breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. February 25 at Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 10246 Northumberland Highway near Heathsville.

The menu will include hake fish, potatoes, sausage, bacon, eggs, fried onions, biscuits, jelly, coffee, tea and juice. The fee is \$13. Call 580-7595, 580-0252, or 580-2243.

### ■ Better care

The Richmond County panel on foster care will conduct an informational session from 4 to 5:30 p.m. February 28 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. FAPT, Court Services Unit and Education will be featured.

To encourage more effective use of resources and outcome for children, the panel sponsors informational programs to educate agency personnel, service providers, volunteers, and citizens on ways the community can cooperate to decrease use of foster care and support better outcomes for children.

### ■ Free screenings

In an ongoing effort to raise awareness and education surrounding heart disease, particularly in women, Rappahannock General Hospital (RGH) will hold a “know your numbers” screening from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. February 27 at the Kilmarnock Walmart Store.

A registered nurse from RGH will perform free blood pressure screenings, provide information and answer questions.

### ■ Mini Season tickets

The Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts recently announced a Mini Season featuring the three final performances of its On Stage 2011-2012 series. Tickets for the three programs may be purchased at [rappahannockfoundation.org](http://rappahannockfoundation.org), or 435-0292. Adult Mini Season tickets are \$90 and student Mini Season tickets are \$30.

Upcoming concerts are 7:30 p.m. March 17 with the Celtibillies, 3 p.m. April 22 with the Imani Winds and 7:30 p.m. May 5 with David Holt & The Lightning Bolts.

### ■ Chantey concert

The Northern Neck Chantey Singers will perform at 3 p.m. February 26 at St. Clare Walker Middle School at 6814 General Puller Highway in Locust Hill.



## Friends of Belle Isle reorganizes

The Friends of Belle Isle State Park recently reorganized for 2012. Seated from left are secretary Faye Harmon, president Jack Larson, vice president Liz Failmezger, treasurer Bob Fox and park manager Tim Shrader. Among initial business, Larson ceremoniously passes a check to Fox representing the Friends financial contribution to the Music by the River summer concert series. The series will open May 12 with The Gurleys. Planning continues on the remainder of the series.



## Student play opens Friday

The Lancaster Middle School Drama Club will present “Toy Story” at 7 p.m. Friday, February 17, and Saturday, February 18, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 19, at the LMS Theater in Kilmarnock. The first cast (above) includes Erik DeMario as Woody and Sam Bouis as Buzz Lightyear. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at LMS.

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## ANGLICAN

**Holy Redeemer Anglican**  
Grant Church, Lerty 493-7407  
Rev. Dr. W.R. Gardiner  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
11 a.m., Holy Communion

**St. James Church**  
1724 Abingdon Glebe Lane  
Gloucester; 757-814-5984  
Father Kevin Sweeney  
Chaplain David Masterson  
stjamesapa.org  
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
11 a.m., Communion Service  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
6:30 p.m., Holy Communion and Religious Education

**St. Stephen's Anglican**  
6853 Northumberland Highway,  
Heathsville; 580-4555; Rev. Jeffrey  
O. Cerar; ststephensva.org  
Office: Tues-Fri 8:30 a.m.-12 noon  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Worship Service  
11 a.m., Sunday School  
Nursery provided and  
Coffee Hour following worship  
**Monday, February 20:**  
10 a.m., Children's Bible Story  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
7 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m., Bible Study  
**3rd Thursday of Month**  
11 a.m., Program & Lunch for all  
community women  
Thrift Shop: Open Tues.-Fri., 10  
a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## BAPTIST

**Abiding Faith Baptist**  
27 Bluff Point Road  
Kilmarnock, VA 22482  
Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Cain, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
5 p.m., Bible Study  
Observance of Black History  
Month

**Beulah Baptist**  
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-  
5000; Rev. Milton Jackson  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10:30 a.m., Sunday School  
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise  
11:30 a.m., Worship Service  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Bible Study

**Bethany Baptist Church**  
Rt. 360, Callao; 529-6890  
Rev. Kori Kiss  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer

**Calvary Baptist**  
490 East Church Street  
Kilmarnock; 435-1052  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8:45 a.m., Church School  
10 a.m., Devotions  
10:15 a.m., Worship/Communion  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.

**Claybrook Baptist**  
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-  
5570; Rev. Stephen Turner  
www.ClaybrookBaptistChurch.com  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Morning Worship  
12:15 p.m., Children's Choir  
Rehearsal  
3-6 p.m., Winter Bible Study, John:  
12, taught by Jimmy Kellum. All  
welcome.

Bible Drills & Skills (K-6th)  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
7 p.m., Anniversary Comm. Mtg.  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
12 noon, Lenten Service &  
Lunch, Kilmarnock  
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.  
Welcome home Pastor Steve,  
have a speedy recovery

**Coan Baptist**  
2068 Coan Stage Road,  
Heathsville; 580-2751  
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.  
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Corrotoman Baptist**  
48 Ottoman Ferry Road,  
Ottoman; 462-5674;  
Rev. David C. Cromer  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Morning Worship  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

**Fairfields Baptist**  
15213 Northumberland Hwy.,  
Burgess; 453-3530; David Riley  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship Service  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

**Fairport Baptist**  
2399 Fairport Road  
Reedville; 453-3235  
Rev. Neale School  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7:30 p.m., Bible Study & Prayer

**Friendship Baptist**  
Hartfield, 693-5503;  
Pastor McKibbin  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., Coffee, cookies and  
donuts in Fellowship Hall  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
10 a.m., Contemporary Service  
11 a.m., Celebration Service  
Nursery provided  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
6 p.m., Prayer Mtg.  
7 p.m., Choir Practice

**Harmony Grove Baptist**  
Routes 3 and 33, Topping;  
758-5154  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
Nursery provided, 9:45 & 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday, February 22:**

6:30 p.m., Prayer Mtg./Bible  
Study

**Hartswell Baptist**  
10559 River Road, Lancaster;  
462-0845; Rev. Ernest D. Webster  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10:15 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise  
11:30 a.m., Worship

**Iglesia Paz de Dios**  
(Peace of God Church)  
33 Irvington Rd. Kilmarnock  
436-5478  
Rvda. Brooke V. Carrillo, Pastora  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
12 noon, Servicio a las

**Irvington Baptist**  
53 King Carter Drive  
Irvington; 438-6971  
Rev. John Howard Farmer,  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
10 a.m., Bible Classes  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
12 noon, Women's AA  
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

**Kilmarnock Baptist**  
65 East Church St. Kilmarnock;  
435-1703, Rev. Matthew Tennant  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
8 p.m., Al-Anon/Alateen  
**Friday, February 17:**  
9 a.m., Worship  
9 a.m., Prayer  
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Time  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship, WMU Focus  
12 noon, Fellowship  
12 noon, Church Council  
6 p.m., H2O Youth Group  
**Monday, February 20:**  
10 a.m., Garden Club Board Mtg.  
5 p.m., WOW rehearsal  
6:30 p.m., Scouts  
6:45 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
4:30 p.m., Note Connection  
Practice  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study  
1 p.m., Food Pantry  
Ash Wednesday  
6 p.m., WOW (Worship on  
Wednesday)  
6:30 p.m., Church Supper  
7:15 p.m., Discussion Group  
7:15 p.m., Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

**Lebanon Baptist**  
Rev. Carlton Miltstead, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
Lebanon  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Providence**  
9:45 a.m., Worship Service  
11 a.m., Sunday School  
**Norwood**  
No Services

**Lighthouse Baptist**  
Independent  
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial  
Highway, Wicomico Church;  
Pastor David Jett Sr., 435-2435  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship/Children's  
Church  
6 p.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study  
Choir Rehearsal afterward  
Nursery provided-all services

**Maple Grove Baptist**  
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Worship, Rev. Davis  
Smith, speaker

**Morattico Baptist**  
924 Morattico Church Road,  
P.O. Box 228 Kilmarnock; 435-  
3623 Rev. Craig Smith,  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship

**Mount Vernon Baptist**  
269 James Wharf Road  
White Stone; 435-1272  
Rev. Peyton Waller, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School  
10 a.m., Worship

**Mt. Olive Baptist**  
6749 Jesse Dupont Mem. Hwy.  
Wicomico Church, 435-3725  
Rev. Quenton L. Keatts, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
7:45 a.m., Prayer & Praise  
8 a.m., Worship  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
**Monday, February 20:**  
6 p.m., Bible Study

**New Friendship Baptist**  
Burgess; 580-2127  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Morning Worship  
7 p.m., Bible Study  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Bible Study  
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

**New Hope Baptist**  
2596 Walmsley Road, Lottsburg;  
529-9223  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:15 a.m., Bible Study  
10:15 a.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer Service  
8 p.m., Choir Practice

**Northern Neck Baptist**  
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.  
Callao; 529-6310  
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship  
6 p.m., Evening Service  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.

**New St. John's Baptist**  
Kilmarnock  
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Church Service  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.

**Queen Esther Baptist**  
7228 River Road, Lancaster;  
462-7780, Rev. James E. Smith  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Morning Worship  
3 p.m., Annual Day-Kim Bunns



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**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Bible Study

**Second Baptist**  
34 Wellfords Wharf Road  
Warsaw; 333-4280  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11:30 a.m., Worship  
**Thursday, February 23:**  
12:30 & 7:30 p.m., Bible Study

**Sharon Baptist**  
1413 Lumberlost Road,  
Weems; 438-6659  
Rev. Dale Bunns, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School "Power  
Hour"  
11 a.m., Morning Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
2 p.m., A Day in the Word  
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study  
**Intercessory Prayer Hour**  
9 a.m., Wednesday  
6:30 a.m., Thursday

**Smithland Baptist**  
1047 Walnut Point Road  
Heathsville; 580-2843  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
6:30 p.m., Choir Practice  
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

**White Stone Baptist**  
517 Chesapeake Drive  
White Stone; 435-1413  
Dr. Manuel S. "Jeff" Shanaberger;  
wsbc@kaballero.com  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
Nursery Provided-Ages 0-4  
11:20 a.m., Children's Church  
**Monday, February 20:**  
7 p.m., Boy Scout  
7 p.m., Church Council Mtg.  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
1-3 p.m., Food Pantry Open  
Lancaster County residents  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
12 noon, Lenten Lunch, St.  
Andrews Presbyterian Church  
7 p.m., Choir Practice

**Willie Chapel Baptist**  
510 Merry Point Road; 462-  
5500, Rev. Rose Curry, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8:45 a.m., Sunday School  
10:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise  
10:30 a.m., Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
4 p.m., Senior Bible Study  
7 p.m., Bible Study

**Zion Baptist Church**  
2309 Northumberland Highway,  
Lottsburg; 529-6033  
Apostle John H. Bibbens  
**Saturday, February 18:**  
7 a.m., Intercessory Prayer  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8 a.m., Hour of Power-Worship  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School  
10:45 a.m., Mid-Morning  
Worship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
5:30-6:30 a.m., Hour of Prayer  
7 p.m., Prayer, Praise & Bible  
Study for Adults & Youth

## CATHOLIC

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic**  
154 East Church Street,  
Kilmarnock, Rev. James C. Bruse  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday, February 18:**  
4:40 p.m., Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 & 11 a.m., Mass  
9:30-10:45 a.m., CCD  
**Mon-Fri**  
9 a.m., Mass

**The Catholic Church of the Visitation**  
8462 Puller Highway Topping;  
758-5160  
Vistationcatholicchurch.org  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Mass  
**Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
9 a.m., Mass

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Tibitha Church of God**  
991 Fleeton Road, P.O. Box 167,  
Reedville; 453-4972; Rev. Steven  
P. Henry; www.tibitha.net  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Worship  
11:15 a.m., Sunday School  
7 p.m., Small Group Prayer  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
6 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m., Bible Study

**Warsaw Church of God**  
15 Church Lane, Warsaw;  
333-4951; Dave and Tami Metz  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Morning Celebration  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Life Groups

## EPISCOPAL

**Grace Episcopal**  
303 South Main Street,  
Kilmarnock; 435-1285  
The Rev. David H. May, Rector  
graceepiscopalchurch.org  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15 a.m., Adult Forum  
10:15 a.m., Godly Play & Quest  
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Wednesday, February 22:**  
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing  
**Tues., Wed., Thurs.:**  
8 a.m., Morning Prayer/Chapel

**St. Mary's Episcopal**  
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton;  
453-6712; Rev. Lynn Holland  
**Friday, February 17:**  
7 p.m., Free Movies to the public  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Thrift Shop:** Tues.-Sat., 11  
a.m.-3 p.m.; 453-4830  
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville;

**St. Stephen's Episcopal**  
(The Diocese of Virginia)  
6538 Northumberland Hwy.  
724-4238; Rev. Lucia Lloyd  
ststephensheathsville.org  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
5:30 p.m., Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m., Join us for potluck  
7 p.m., What Episcopalians  
Believe: The Order of Faith with  
Evening Prayer  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8:15 a.m., Choir Practice  
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m., Sunday School/Bible  
Study on Meade's Back Porch  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
Shrove Tuesday  
5 p.m., Pancake Supper at St.  
Mary's, Fleeton  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
Ash Wednesday  
7:30 p.m., Service at Heathsville  
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**Trinity Episcopal**  
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster;  
trinitylancaster.org  
The Rev. Torrence M. Harman  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., The Last Sunday after  
the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
5 p.m., Imposition of Ashes

**Wicomico Parish**  
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial  
Highway, Wicomico Church;  
580-6445; Rev. Howard Hanchey  
(Interim)  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast  
follows  
10 a.m., Sunday School w/nursery  
10 a.m., Communion  
11 a.m., Coffee Hour  
Thrift Shop: Mon., Wed., Fri., 11  
a.m.-4 p.m., & Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon

## LUTHERAN

**Apostles Lutheran**  
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-  
9098  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:15 a.m., Sunday School  
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Good Shepherd Lutheran**  
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy.  
202 Callao; C-529-5948, H-472-  
2890; Rev. Michael Ramming,  
Pastor pastormikeramming@  
yahoo.com; lutheranchurchus.  
hawaii.gov  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Worship with Youth  
Sunday School  
10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study

**Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
83 Bluff Point Rd., 435-6650  
Rev. John D. Ericson  
pastor@livingwaterchapel.org  
website: livingwaterchapel.org  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School for all ages  
10 a.m., Worship Service

**Trinity Lutheran**  
Woman's Club Building, Virginia  
Street, Urbanna; 758-4257  
Rev. Paul Napier, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Worship

## METHODIST

**Afton UMC**  
5130 Hacks Neck Road  
Ophelia; 453-3770  
Rev. John M. Jones Sr.  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School for all ages  
10 a.m., Worship Service

**White Stone UMC**  
118 Methodist Church Road,  
White Stone; 435-3555  
Rev. Bryan McClain, Pastor  
whitestoneumc.org  
whitestoneumc@verizon.net  
\*Elevator available  
**Friday, February 17:**  
7 p.m., Coffee House Open Mic  
Night  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School  
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time  
11 a.m., Worship Service and  
Children's Church  
7:30 p.m., AA Mtg.  
**Monday, February 20:**  
6 p.m., Vhettstone Article  
Deadline  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
5-7 p.m., Pancake Supper  
7:30 p.m., A Service of Ashes

**Bethany UMC**  
454 Main Street, Reedville; 453-  
3282; bumsecretary@gmail.com  
Rev. Susie Brack  
Parsonage: 453-3329  
Pastor Susie@yahoo.com  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., Worship  
10:30 a.m., Fellowship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**

7 p.m., Bible Study  
**Bethel-Emmanuel UMC**  
462-5790; Rev. Robert O. Jones,  
Jr.; beumc.org  
(Elevator Available)  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
Bethel:  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship Service  
Emmanuel:  
9:30 a.m., Worship Service  
11 a.m., Sunday School

**Bluff Point UMC**  
Rev. Ray Massie - 443-5092  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
11 a.m., Worship  
Noon, Coffee Fellowship

**Fairfields UMC**  
14741 Northumberland  
Highway, Burgess; 453-2631  
Rev. John M. Jones Sr.  
fairfields-umc.com  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School  
9:45 a.m., Worship

**Gailee UMC**  
747 Hull Neck Road,  
Edwardsville; 580-7306  
Rev. Charles F. Bates  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
Bible Study

**Heathsville UMC**  
39 Courthouse Road,  
Heathsville; 580-3630  
Rev. Rebecca L. Minor, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School  
10 a.m., Worship

**Henderson UMC**  
72 Henderson Drive, Callao  
529-6769; Rev. Lou Ann Frederick  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Contemporary Service  
10 a.m., Sunday School-all ages  
11 a.m., Worship traditional  
5:30 p.m., AA Mtg.

**Irvington UMC**  
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington;  
438-6800; Jarvis Bailey, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Sunday School  
10 a.m., Worship  
Nursery Available  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
12 p.m., Women's AA

**Kilmarnock UMC**  
89 East Church Street,  
Kilmarnock; 435-1797;  
Rev. Deborah T. Marion  
(Elevator access)  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
8 p.m., AA  
**Friday, February 17:**  
5:15 p.m., Fun Friday  
8 p.m., NA  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
7:45 a.m., UMM Breakfast  
8:30 a.m., Worship  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School (Adult)  
10 a.m., Sunday School (Youth  
and Children  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Monday, February 20:**  
9 a.m., Banner Class  
5:30 p.m., Clothes Bank  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
10:30 a.m., Trustees  
6:15 p.m., Evening Circle Potluck  
8 p.m., Al-Anon  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service  
8 p.m., Choir

**Melrose UMC**  
1317 Lewisetta Rd.,  
Lottsburg 529-6344;  
Parsonage: 529-7721;  
Pastor Janet Grissett  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
7 p.m., Holy Thursday  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
8:30 a.m., Worship  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship Service  
**Every 2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays**  
6 p.m., Dinner/Worship

**Mila UMC**  
1690 Mila Road  
580-9723; Rev. Donna Blythe  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Worship  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Pack 215

**Rehoboth UMC**  
126 Shiloh School Rd.,  
Kilmarnock 725-2574  
Ralph Carrington, Pastor  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Worship  
10:45 a.m., Coffee/Fellowship  
Communion 1st Sunday

**White Stone UMC**  
118 Methodist Church Road,  
White Stone; 435-3555  
Rev. Bryan McClain, Pastor  
whitestoneumc.org  
whitestoneumc@verizon.net  
\*Elevator available  
**Friday, February 17:**  
7 p.m., Coffee House Open Mic  
Night  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School  
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time  
11 a.m., Worship Service and  
Children's Church  
7:30 p.m., AA Mtg.  
**Monday, February 20:**  
6 p.m., Vhettstone Article  
Deadline  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
5-7 p.m., Pancake Supper  
7:30 p.m., A Service of Ashes

**Wednesday, February 22:**  
8:30 a.m., Coffee & Prayer at  
Lee's Restaurant  
7 p.m., Choir Practice  
**Thursday, February 23:**  
9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study  
at Virginia Lee's House  
**Thrift Shop:** Tues.-Sat., 10  
a.m.-3 p.m.

**Wicomico UMC**  
Rt. 200 at Wicomico Church  
580-9723; Rev. Donna Blythe  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
1:30 p.m., Bible Study  
**Saturday, February 18:**  
5 p.m., Lasagna Fundraiser for  
Eagle Scout Project  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
11 a.m., Worship  
12 noon, Coffee and Fellowship  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Campbell Memorial Presbyterian**  
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),  
In the Village of Weems, 438-  
6875; campbellchurch.net  
Rev. W. Clay Macaulay, Pastor  
Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
5 p.m., Session  
**Friday, February 17:**  
10 a.m., Music Search Comm.  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
9 a.m., Service of Praise  
9:45 a.m., Church School and  
Small Group  
10 a.m., Choir Rehearsal  
11 a.m., Worship  
12 noon, Coffee Hour  
6 p.m., Alpha Marriage Course  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
9:30 a.m., Staff Mtg.  
10 a.m., Small Group Mtg.  
4:30 p.m., Praise Band  
6 p.m., Pancake Supper  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
Ash Wednesday  
10:30 a.m., Ash Wednesday  
Service w/Imposition of Ashes  
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Milden Presbyterian**  
Sharps  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

**St. Andrews Presbyterian**  
435 East Church Street,  
Kilmarnock; 435-3948  
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye  
saintandrewspc.org  
**Thursday, February 16:**  
4:30 p.m., Vision Team  
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice  
6 p.m., Bells of St. Andrews  
practice  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9:45 a.m., Adult Forum-Website  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School-all ages  
11 a.m., Worship  
**Monday, February 20:**  
1:30 p.m., Mission Outreach  
Comm.  
**Tuesday, February 21:**  
5:45 p.m., Disciple II  
**Wednesday, February 22:**  
10 a.m., Congregational Devel-  
opment Team  
4:15 p.m., Session  
5 p.m., Preschool ALT  
6 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service  
at Kilmarnock Baptist  
7 p.m., Community Study

**Wesley Presbyterian**  
1272 Taylors Creek Rd. Weems,  
804-438-5853; Rev. M. P. White  
**Sunday, February 19:**  
9 a.m., Worship

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Kilmarnock; 435-3948  
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saintandrewspc.org  
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**Clarence H. Hinnant III**

HAYES—Clarence Henry “Hank” Hinnant III of Hayes was born June 7, 1938, and died February 10, 2012, after a courageous six-month fight with cancer.

He is loved and survived by his two sons, Clarence Henry “Chad” Hinnant IV and William Walsh Tuck Hinnant; his brother, George R. Hinnant and his wife, Lainie; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Hinnant was educated at St. Christopher’s School, Virginia Tech, and MCV/VCU where he graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian of his class in health care management.

He spent the last 16 years of his career in devoted service to others, as was his nature, as president and chief executive officer of The Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville. After retirement to his house in Hayes, and boat in Virginia Beach, he continued to enjoy golf and his family, who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services were held February 14 at Christ Church near Irvington. Interment was in the church burying ground.

Memorials may be made to the VCU Massey Cancer Center, 401 College Street, Richmond, VA 23298.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Mrs. Jones worked for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Chautauqua County from 1973 until her retirement from the Teen and Expecting Mothers (T.E.A.M.) program in 2000.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown. She was a former Girl Scout Leader and member of the board of the Chautauqua Area Girl Scout Council. She also was a former member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Remocwens Club in Jamestown.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her daughters, Sue Jones (Aengus Lawlor) of Philadelphia, Fran Jones of Raleigh, and LeAnn Childs (Rev. Michael Childs) of Dewittville; and son, John Everett Jones of Philadelphia.

She also is survived by her grandchildren, Nate Childs, Adie Childs and Victor Jones-Valverde; her sister, Martha Moore Wilson (Ralph Wilson) of Richmond and Beach Creek, her sisters-in-law, Irene Walker and Janice Walker, both of Lancaster County, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

She is predeceased by her husband, Ralph C. Jones; her parents, G. Lee and Gladys Dodson Moore; her mother, Blanche Dodson Walker; and her father, Carlton Walker, and by her brothers, Adrian Walker (Barbara Walker), Francis Walker and Gene Walker of Lancaster.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at the Lind Funeral Home in Jamestown, N.Y. Memorials may be made to Camp Timbercrest, Girl Scouts of Western New York (www.gswny.org).

**Henry J. Keller**

LANCASTER—Henry John Keller, 79, of Lancaster died January 26, 2012.

After retirement he moved here from New Jersey.

He is survived by a son, Robert Keller; grandson, Michael Keller; and great-grandson, Jack, all from New Jersey.

He is also survived by his better half of 12 years, Peggy Gill of Ottoman, her daughter, Wendy Carter and her children, Courtney, Donald Jr. “DJ” and Heather, also from Ottoman.

A memorial will be held in his memory on February 25 at 11 a.m. at the Heritage Point Clubhouse near Ottoman. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Upper Lancaster Rescue Squad.

**James G. Newsome**

HEATHSVILLE—James Grayson Newsome, 56, of Heathsville died February 7, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Ann Selby Newsome; daughter, Margaret Newsome; son, James Calvin “J.C.” Newsome; father, Gilbert G. Newsome and sister Janey Belle Newsome Litchfield.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at Fairfields United Methodist Church Cemetery, at Hullneck and Folly roads in Edwardsville.



**Capt. David J. Raffetto**

IRVINGTON—Retired U.S. Navy Capt. David James Raffetto, 70, of Irvington died at home Saturday, February 4, 2012, surrounded by his family.

Born on May 18, 1941, in Germantown, Pa., the oldest son of the late Dorothy James Raffetto and Augustus Louis Raffetto, he was raised in Doylestown, Pa. He attended Susquehanna University and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor’s. While there, he met Kathryn (Kate) Ramsey whom he married in 1966.

After joining the U.S. Navy in 1966, he became a Navy aviator. He trained in Pensacola, Fla., a base for which he later served as squadron executive officer and commanding officer. An expert in anti-submarine warfare, he flew H3-H Sea King helicopters. A born teacher, he was training officer of helicopter pilots.

From 1971 to 1974, he was posted as exchange officer with the Royal Navy, serving on the HMS Norfolk, flag ship for NATO forces. Capt. Raffetto served as commanding officer of Lakehurst (NJ) Naval Air Station from 1990 to ‘93. He also had various assignments in the Pentagon and Hampton Roads area bases, both as an aviator and as a naval personnel expert.

He retired at the rank of captain in 1995. For the next six years, he was a consultant to the U.S. Navy working with various Crystal City firms as well as directly with the U.S. Navy.

When early in his career he regularly flew personnel between the Washington D.C., area and Norfolk, he became intrigued with the Northern Neck as a possible retirement location. This thought became a reality in July 2001, when he and Kate moved to Irvington.

A lifelong sailor, he soon joined the Rappahannock River Yacht Club where he served as commodore in 2006 and 2007. He was an active “Beaver” working on a variety of development projects around the club. He and Kate regularly cruised in their 34-foot Saber Success.

He raced in PHRF races, as captain on Success and as crew on other boats. In addition, he regularly raced in the Cape Dory Typhoon Dea Latis. He also participated as crew in the “Caribbean 1500,” a race/cruise from Hampton to the island of Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands.

Capt. Raffetto became very active in Irvington activities. He served as president of the Village Improvement Association (VIA) for several years, on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the town’s master plan review and on the Irvington

Planning Commission. In addition, he served on the Fourth of July Parade committee and on the Lights on the Creek committee.

He was diagnosed with thymic cancer in 2010. For the next 18 months he underwent a variety of treatments, including experimental programs at Duke University Hospital and the National Institutes of Health. He stoically endured all the treatments and throughout it all maintained a positive attitude, a sense of humor, and continued to be more concerned about others than with himself.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Kate; his son, Brian Raffetto and wife Sherrie; his daughter, Sarah Raffetto Jameson and husband Phil; four grandchildren, Alex and Kelsey Raffetto and Corey and Kayle Jameson; a brother, John Raffetto and wife Jennifer and their children, Peter and Jay; a sister, Janet Raffetto and her partner, Peggy Hardin; as well as many dear friends who will greatly miss him.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock with Military Honors. A reception will follow at the Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington.

Memorials may be made to the David Raffetto Development Fund, c/o Rappahannock River Yacht Club, P. O. Box 55, Irvington, VA 22480.

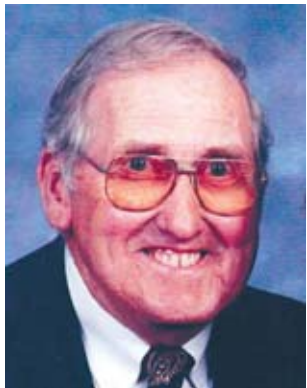
Currie Funeral Home of Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

**Maria E. Stewart**

HEATHSVILLE — Maria Elena Stewart, 56, of Heathsville died February 11, 2012. She retired in 2006 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her husband of 22 years, Tom W. Stewart; sons, Walter J. Stewart and Bryan Stewart, both of Manassas and Kirk D. Matelyan of Maryland; sisters, Joan Niemczak, Sharon Hirshorn and Faith Doncheva; brothers, Billy Matelyan, Paul Matelyan and Pae Matelyan; and grandchildren, Ashley and Megan.

Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.



**Eugene C. Walker**

MILLENBECK — Eugene Carlton Walker, 83, of Millenbeck, died Sunday, February 12, 2012.

He was a lifelong member of Corrotoman Baptist Church, having served as a deacon and trustee; a building contractor; a veteran and charter member of 601st Aerial Supply, of the 11th Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

Survivors are his wife of 60 years, Janice Davenport Walker; three children, Carl Walker (Pamela), Sherry Germain (Michael) and Meriam Driss (Ons); six grandchildren, Everett Walker (Connie), Stefanie Timberlake (Patrick), Mandy Faulkner, Dara Ransone, Salima Driss, and Youssef Driss; four great-grandchildren, Chas Faulkner, Isaac Faulkner, Thomas Timberlake and Jackson Timberlake; five siblings, Robert Walker (Gwen), Carolyn Williams (Paul), Peggy Harding (E.O.), Mary Brent, and Hobson Walker (Jean); numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Walker was preceded in death by three siblings,

Francis Walker, Adrian Walker and Sylvia Jones.

Funeral services were held February 15 at Corrotoman Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 176, Lively, VA 22507, or to the American Cancer Society, attn: Lancaster & Northumberland County Memorials, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606.

The Welch Funeral Home Marks Chapel in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

**Sylvester J. White**

LANCASTER—Sylvester James “Jimmy” White of Lancaster died February 8, 2012.

He was born November 16, 1958, to the late Mary Francis Anderson. He attended Lancaster County schools.

He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone, and later Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock. He was installed as a deacon at Calvary in 2010.

He worked as a commercial fisherman for many years and later for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his wife, Angela White; children, Kevin White and Paula Braxton of Richmond and Gwen Jones of Kilmarnock; stepchildren, Andre Carter of Lancaster and Michael Turner and Tyler Colding of Kilmarnock; grandchildren, Dashia, Kevin Jr., Devin, Malachi, Jolisa, Ryan, and Quincy; a stepgrandson, Makakhai; and a sister, Nadine Brooks of Lottsburg.

A funeral was held February 12 at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

*It's cold outside... bundle up with a copy of the Rappahannock Record!*  
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*In memory of Luther L. Carter on his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Feb. 18, 2012*

The memory of each loved one,  
Like the fragrance of the Rose,  
God sends to linger with us  
Till our own life’s door shall close.  
We miss Him everywhere.  
Your wife Helen, Yvonne and Gerald

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**February 19: Transfiguration of the Lord**  
9:00 a.m. Service of Praise  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Class & Small Groups  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
**Sermon Title: When There’s Nothing To Say**  
**February 22: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes**

**Kilmarnock United Methodist Church**

**Fun Fridays**  
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.  
Children ages 4-12  
Call 435-1797  
for any questions.  
89 E. Church Street

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**100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
February 26, 2012  
11:00 am: Morning Worship

Speaker:  
**Dr. Fred Anderson will portray Dr. William E. Hatcher, who was a contemporary of Rev. Fred Claybrook.**

Followed by covered dish luncheon  
Come join us and bring your favorite dish.  
Drinks, chicken, bread and dessert provided.

(Inclement weather date: March 11, 2012)  
**Homecoming Anniversary Celebration will be in May**  
(see related article)

**Thank You Note**

*I want to say thank you to everyone that showed love and support during the passing of my beloved husband, Sylvester James White. All of the thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards and visits were greatly appreciated. I was comforted in seeing just how many lives Jimmy touched during his earthly walk. He will be greatly missed. To God be the glory, great things He has done!*

Love,  
The White Family



## Reflections

by Rev. John Farmer

### Church Folk

Decades and decades ago, while on a preaching tour of the Midwest, I met Pastor H. Craig Smith's mom, Charlotte. She and hubby Buck had invited me, accompanied by Craig, to stay with them as we passed through Michigan. They proudly introduced me to their family. They also took us to see their spiritual home, the Tecumseh Missionary Baptist Church, which, by the way, Charlotte mentioned "was looking for a pastor." I had already fallen so in love with them that I thought as how it would be so special to be their pastor. Oh well...

One night after the younger kids were bedded down, Charlotte, her preacher son, and I sat in the kitchen chatting about all things Old Testament. With little formal education, she was far more versed in the Old Testament than were the professors with whom I had studied. She was a Church Lady.

Clearly, the Smiths loved their Lord, their children and their church.

Buck Smith sang hymns like most people breathe. No hymn book nor instrument required; he'd simply announce a hymn, throw his head back and sing to the God of his salvation. Of course we were all invited to join in... however, Buck didn't wait for us to decide key, or dedication—he soared with the angels.

One of those Tecumseh, Michigan, kitchen chats was about an Old Testament lady named Huldah. I didn't know Charlotte or Huldah very well at that point.

King David drew the first Jerusalem temple plans. The temple was to be dedicated to God, though it was his son Solomon (King of the Israelites) who actually built the structure to be the original host to The Ark of the Covenant. That temple was destroyed almost 600 years before Christ by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar during the Siege of Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant has never been found.

Later, as the temple was being rebuilt, they discovered a dusty old scroll suspected to be the Book of the Law. Such a discovery was a quandary for the men folk. After exhausting their ilk for information, they turned to the Prophetess Huldah, whose husband was the keeper of the Jerusalem temple robes.

"And she said unto them: Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Tell ye the man that sent you unto me:'

Thus saith the Lord: 'Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read.'"

"Huldah, after authenticating the book and prophesying a future of destruction for failure to follow it, ends by reassuring the King that because of his piety, God has

heard his prayer and 'thou shalt be gathered unto thy grave in peace, neither shall thy eyes see all the evil which I shall bring upon this place'" (2nd Kings 22:13-18).

Huldah occupies nine Biblical verses as a prophetess accustomed to speaking the word of God directly to high priests and royal officials. Those officials were in charge of "what was and was not the genuine Law, and also who spoke in a manner of stern command when acting as a prophetess."

Huldah was a relative of Jeremiah, both being descendants of Rahab and Joshua. While Jeremiah admonished and preached repentance to the men, Huldah preached likewise to the women. Huldah said to the messengers of King Josiah, "Tell the man that sent you to me," etc., indicating by her unceremonious language that for her Josiah was like any other man. Josiah spoke to her, not to Jeremiah. He thought that women were more passionate than men, and she would be more likely than Jeremiah to intercede with God on his behalf.

Huldah spoke the truth to them about the scroll. Little more is known of her.

Scholars believe that the book Huldah authenticated was most likely the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy.

Huldah's burial site is thought to be

between the walls in the present temple in Jerusalem. Some hold for her burial site as being within a cave carved out of the rock beneath a mosque on Mount of Olives. The gates in the southern wall of the temple are named for her. Whichever is in actual fact correct, such is considered holy to Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Last night Tommy Thompson gave a Gospel concert at our church in Irvington. He so reminded me of Buck Smith when he announced to us that he was singing to God for us, not to us for God.

There sat Morattico Baptist Church Pastor Craig Smith and his wife, Janet, on the 12th anniversary of his proposal to her in that same sanctuary, for the same occurrence: our Sweetheart Banquet and Concert.

My bride Hazel asked me to sit up front with her. I couldn't: I was already beginning to slobber tears of joy. I had asked Craig to begin our celebration of music with prayer. I was overwhelmed as I looked at his two precious children. They were Charlotte and Buck's grandchildren, born to the hearts of Craig and Janet, after the passing of Charlotte.

I retreated to a back pew where no one could see the cracks in my armor.

I love church and I love God's church folk.

Thank you, God, for loving me.

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*Buck Smith sang hymns like most people breathe. No hymn book nor instrument required; he'd simply announce a hymn, throw his head back and sing to the God of his salvation.*

## Pancakes and ashes to mark beginning of Lent

Several area churches have announced Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations.

Shrove Tuesday is observed by Christians the day before Ash Wednesday. This year the dates are February 21 and 22.

Shrove Tuesday also is known as Pancake Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. Pancakes are traditionally served on Shrove Tuesday, preceding the 40 days of fasting associated with Lent. Pancakes use up rich ingredients, avoided during Lent, such as eggs, milk and sugar.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, which extends to Easter Sunday. Lent is traditionally a period of preparation among believers for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on foreheads as a sign of mourning or repentance to God.

Among local churches:

- White Stone United Methodist will hold a pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets are available from church members, or call 435-3555. A service of ashes will follow the supper at 7:30 p.m.

- The Episcopal Churches of Richmond County will hold a Fat Tuesday celebration with Louisiana cuisine at 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's in Warsaw.

- Trinity Episcopal will hold a pancake

supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Takeout available. Donations welcome.

- St. Stephen's Anglican will host a prayer, pancakes and praise feast beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The supper will follow prayer and praise. Donations welcome.

- St. Mary's Fleeton will hold its 50th annual pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

- Mila and Wicomico United Methodist will hold a service of ashes and communion from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wicomico.

- St. Stephen's Anglican will hold a Eucharist service at 7 p.m. Wednesday with the distribution of ashes.

- Galilee Methodist will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

- Heathsville United Methodist Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.

- Kilmarnock United Methodist Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

- Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service with the imposition at 10:30 a.m.

- St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes at noon.

- Trinity Episcopal Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of Ashes at 5 p.m.

## CHURCH NOTES

### ■ Fellowship breakfast

The Men's Ministry of Sharon Baptist Church would like to invite all men of the community to a community fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. February 25.

### ■ Book discussion

The Theology and the Arts discussion group will meet at 1:30 p.m. February 24 at Living Water Lutheran Church at 83 Bluff Point Road Kilmarnock. They will discuss Love You So Much, by mother-daughter team Victoria Zacheis Greve and Karen Greve Young.

### ■ Black history

The New Jerusalem Baptist Church Youth Department will host a Black History Month program, "Our Leaders 101," at 4 p.m. February 26.

The event will recognize some of the African American leaders in and from Westmoreland County. This event is free and open to the public.

### ■ Chorus anniversary

The Mount Vernon Gospel Chorus will celebrate its 32nd anniversary at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 18. Guest choirs will include local singing groups.

### ■ Fire Friday Nights

The Mount Vernon Baptist Church family will hold a Fire Friday Night Service at 8 p.m. February 17 and 24, featuring praise, worship and guest preachers.

Pastor Bunny Dunaway will be guest preacher on February 17. The Rev. Quenton Keatts will be the guest preacher on February 24

### ■ Family and friends

Queen Esther Baptist Church will hold its annual Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 19.

The guest preacher will be the Rev. Peyton Waller, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church of White Stone, along with his church family.

### ■ Walk together

Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Black History Service at 2 p.m. February 19. The theme is "Walk Together Children From The Past To The Present."

### ■ DVD Bible study

Mila and Wicomico United Methodist churches will hold a six-week DVD Bible study on "The Final Words of Jesus" starting February 29 from 7 to 8 p.m.

### ■ Missions Festival

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Charge will host the 10th annual Festival of Missions at 11 a.m. February 26.

There will be 12 missions displays and representatives in the fellowship hall from noon to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### ■ Annual march

The New St. John Baptist Church senior and mens choirs will celebrate their annual African/American Men in Suits March at 5 p.m. February 18. All local churches are invited.

The Seas of Faith and the Gospel Five will render the music. There will be praise dancers. All churches invited.

### ■ Lenten series

St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Heathsville will hold its annual Lenten Series at 6 p.m. each Thursday in March. The topic is "A Christian Perspective on Aging."

Guest speakers will address various topics, such as aging gracefully, caring for the aged, and preparing to go home. A soup supper will precede the program. Donations are appreciated. To sign up, call 580-4555.

### ■ Lenten lunches

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will host the Community Lenten Services at 12:05 p.m. Wednesdays, February 22 through April 4. A variety of lay leaders and preachers will lead the worship. A fellowship lunch will follow the worship at 12:30 p.m., also provided by various churches.

Contributions offered during the worship service will go to the Interfaith Service Council and to underwrite expenses for the Lancaster High School Baccalaureate in June. A donation of \$3 is requested for the luncheon.

### ■ 100th celebration

Claybrook Baptist Church will celebrate 100 years of service to God and the community of Weems this year. The 100th birthday celebration will be held during the 11 a.m. February 26 worship service, featuring a dramatic portrayal of the life of Dr. William E. Hatcher, prominent 19th-century Baptist minister.

Following the morning service, there will be a 100th birthday covered dish luncheon. Bring a favorite dish. Drinks, chicken, bread and birthday cake will be provided. Inclement weather date will be March 11.

### ■ Who am I?

The New St. John Youth Ministry on February 19 will hold its second annual observation of Black History Month with songs and skits of past and present leaders locally and nationally.

The program will follow the morning worship service. Repass will be offered after the program.

### ■ Community flick

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Community Flick Fellowship will show "Courageous" at 2 p.m. February 25 in the fellowship hall at 1717 Hampton Hall Road near Callao. There is no charge. The community is invited.

### ■ Lenten program

A Lenten Program will be held at 7 p.m. February 29 at First Baptist Church at 3585 Courthouse Road near Heathsville. The Rev. Jeffrey Cerar of St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Heathsville will preach and the choir of St. Stephen's will provide music.

### ■ Bless your heart

The nursery ministry at Sharon Baptist Church will present "Bless Your Heart" at 5 p.m. February 25.

Dr. June Daffen of Rappahannock General Hospital will be the guest speaker. Harmony to Heaven will be the guest choir.

## Lenten Learning Series set at St. Mary's Fleeton

The St. Mary's Fleeton 2012 Lenten Learning Series will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, in the parish hall. The Rev. Lynn Holland will present "The Resurrection and the Life."

Weekly sessions will include the topics of near-death experiences and the scriptural support for them, the ways in which God works with people who are dying, the spirituality of hospice, the communion of the saints, and how we in our time

can understand Jesus' promise of resurrection and eternal life, reported Kristine Gibson.

The learning series will meet each Wednesday through March 28, said Gibson. Each session will begin with a light meal. The community is invited and there is no charge.

Registration is required for an accurate count for food and learning materials. Call 453-6712.



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