

## RW-C hosting works by Ron Cox

For the month of August, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington will host "From My Perspective," drawings by artist Ron Cox. Cox is an alumni of Virginia State University and has been involved in art for many years.

"This is my second showing at Westminster. Along with some of my older drawings, I have six new drawings, including two from my 'Distressed Paper Series' which I think you would enjoy," said Cox.

Cox recently contributed a drawing entitled "Form Following Function" to the African Renaissance Forward Collection, a permanent collection at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina.

The exhibit at Westminster-Canterbury will continue until August 24.

## Menhaden plant tour scheduled August 13

The Northern Neck Master Naturalists will tour the Omega Protein plant from 9:30 to 11 a.m. August 13. The last big menhaden-processing plant on the East Coast, the Omega Protein facility is at 610 Menhaden Drive in Reedville.

The tour will include an overview of the company, its history and operations; a walking tour of the plant; a vessel tour (if one is docked); and the current politics affecting the menhaden industry, said Gail Sigler.

For reservations, call Sigler at 804-472-2409 by August 11.

## Historic Christ Church announces Sunday hours

Starting August 1, Sunday hours for touring Historic Christ Church and the Carter Reception Center and Museum-Gift Shop will be 1 to 4 p.m.

The visitor season runs April 1 through November 30, and visiting hours Monday-Saturday during this period will remain the same. The Carter Reception Center and Museum-Gift Shop are open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with docents and receptionists on hand to lead visitors around the church and assist them in the reception center.

The church grounds and building are open year round, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Group tours for eight or more people may be arranged any time of the year. Visit [christchurch1735.org](http://christchurch1735.org) to learn more about upcoming events in 2013.

## Tickets on sale for Civil War re-enactment

Tickets are now on sale for the Civil War re-enactment of John Taylor Wood's "Ambush at Wilton Creek/ Capture on the Rappahannock," to be presented by the Deltaville Maritime Museum on August 16 and 17.

The re-enactment was written by the museum's curator, Raynell Smith, and stars Kevin Gentry as John Taylor Wood, Don Kenefick as "Bohemian" the journalist, Rob Brooks as Colonel Rosser, Susan Leggett as Captain Fitzhugh and K.C. Gentry as Lieutenants Hoge and Hudgins. Mary Carlin Porter will be the narrator.

At least a dozen other friends and neighbors are in the play as extras and there will be a special appearance by Abraham Lincoln.

At 7 p.m., renowned musicians of the Chesapeake Bob Zentz and Jeanne McDougall will perform a medley of Civil War songs. Their ensemble will also provide background music throughout the re-enactment. The performance will begin immediately after the concert at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults 18 and over and free for children and youth. Tickets may be purchased at the Deltaville Maritime Museum, at Nauti Nell's, and at J&W Seafood in Deltaville, at the Middlesex County Museum in Saluda, at Lowe Tide in Urbanna, at Papeterie in Kilmarnock and at the Wild Rabbit Café in Gloucester.



Photograph by Kathryn Murray

## Sisters exhibit at the Rappahannock Art League

Sisters Bonnie and Kathryn Murray team up to fill the exhibit room at Rappahannock Art League for the month of August. With the majority of subject matter being from the Northern Neck, the work often has a familiar, though expressive feel.

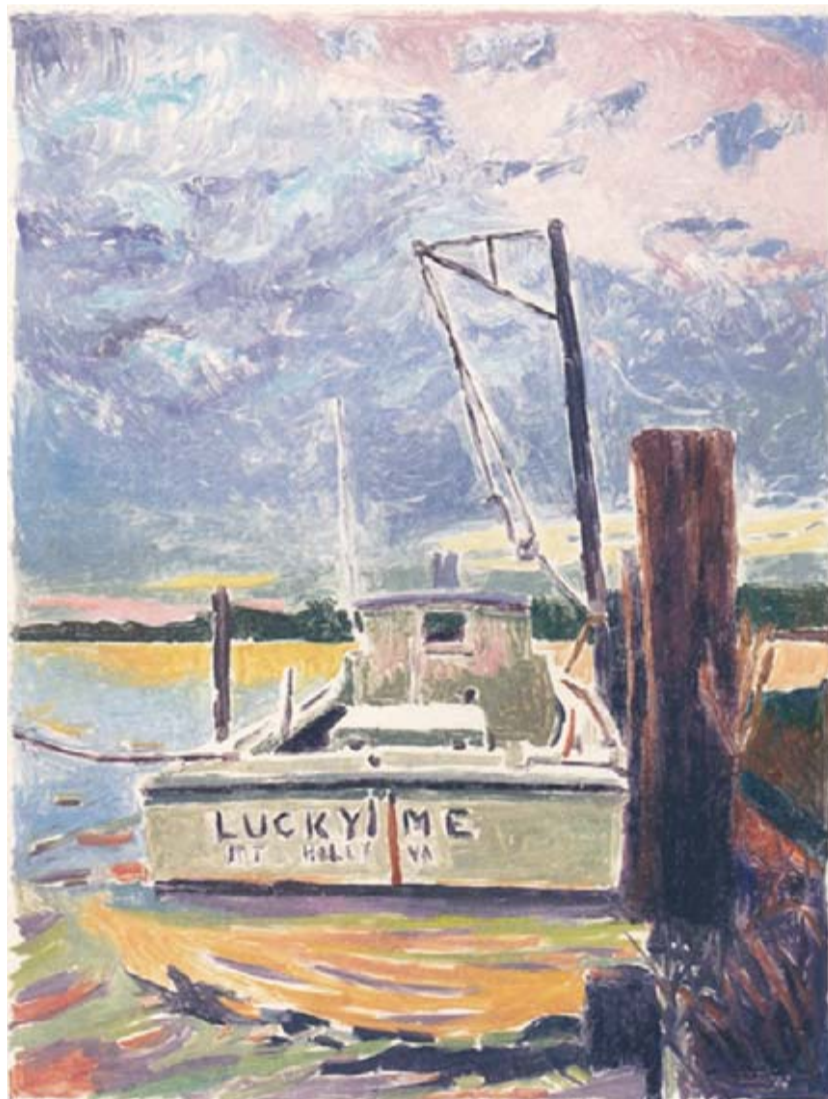
Kathryn's photos are almost exclusively of local landscapes and seascapes, photos that are infused in aluminum, a process that provides a crisp, contemporary feel to the work.

Many of Bonnie's works are derived from photos of the area and show a different take on our rural scenes, with a wide range of expression shown in her oil paintings, monotypes and collagraphs.

Bonnie, who lives in St. Louis, has been a professional artist for over 30 years and has had a multitude of awards, exhibits, and purchases by corporate collections that are listed on her website, [bonniemurray.com](http://bonniemurray.com), or can be found in the artist reference book at RAL. A sampling of corporate collectors include PepsiCo, Citicorp, Ralston-Purina, IBM Corporation, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and McGraw-Hill Publishing Companies.

Along with the local subject matter, Bonnie will exhibit numerous large bird prints which are collagraphs. This printmaking process is highly complex and, because of her expertise, the results look simple, which is not an easy task. Thirty years of extensive experimentation brings about such a result.

Kathryn is newer at exhibiting her artwork but finds that years working with creative people and in artistic environments has culminated in a special way of seeing the Northern Neck. Her passion for the local misty scenes is evident in the show. You'll



Monotype by Bonnie Murray

find that many of these images are familiar since you've seen variations on them over time in several local publications.

An opening reception to meet the

artists will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, August 2. The show runs until August 31 at the RAL Studio Gallery, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

## AREA EVENTS

### ■ Win a Ford

The 78th annual Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival raffle grand prize is a 2013 Ford Escape. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any KVFD member, at Noblett's in Kilmarnock, or at the carnival. The drawing will be held the last night of the carnival.

The carnival will be held nightly July 25 through August 3 (except Sunday) on the carnival grounds off Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock.

### ■ Shoreline workshop

The Northern Neck Master Gardeners will offer a free shoreline workshop August 10 at 10 a.m. at St John's Church in Warsaw.

Anyone with erosion, run-off or water quality issues is encouraged to attend. Call the Northumberland Virginia Cooperative Extension office at 580-5694.

### ■ River tunes

Music by the River continues at Belle Isle State Park from 6 to 8 p.m. August 10 with M.S.G., The Acoustic Blues Trio; and August 17 with Southern Grace, a country gospel group. A \$3 parking fee is payable at the gate.

There will be supervised crafts and activities for the children. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for 50 cents. Popcorn and coffee are free. For directions, or to confirm concert plans in case of foul weather in the forecast, call 462-5030.

### ■ Country breakfast

The Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary will sponsor a country breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. August 10 at the squad building, 7900 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 10 and younger.

The menu will include scrambled eggs, homemade fried potatoes, sausage, pancakes, coffee, juice and homemade blueberry muffins.

### ■ Red Cross class

American Red Cross is offering the following classes at the Red Cross Chapter in the YMCA building on Harris Road in Kilmarnock from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 15: Adult First Aid, CPR/AED, and Adult & Pediatric First Aid CPR/AED.

To register, call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and click on "Take a Class."

### ■ Art tour

The public is invited to join members of the Rappahannock Art League on a fun and educational art tour to Philadelphia August 14 and 15.

Museums and galleries will be featured. For itinerary, fees and registration, call or visit the Studio Gallery at 19 North Main Street Kilmarnock, 436-0619.

### ■ Band night

Red Devil Band Night will continue on the second Thursday of every month at Sal's Pizza in Kilmarnock. Sal's will donate 10% of all revenue generated on Red Devil Band Night to the Lancaster High School Band.

## 'Rainmaker' to open August 10 in Callao

The Westmoreland Players will present the "The Rainmaker" August 10-25 at the Players Theater in Callao.

The storyline follows Lizzie Curry who keeps house for her father and brothers on the family cattle ranch during the depression, according to board member George Runkle. A charming con-man named Starbuck arrives and promises to bring rain to the drought-stricken area in exchange for \$100. His arrival sets off a series of events with comical consequences.

The movie version starred Katherine Hepburn and Burt Lancaster.

Local actors who also have performed in Lancaster Players productions include Kat Shepherd, Cary Jones and Bob Wilson. Remaining cast members are Nicholas Smith, Brett Hermance, Randy Black and Jason Strong.

The show is directed and produced by Glenn and Joy Evans. Janice Coates is stage manager and Michael Bruner constructed the set.

Performances are 8 p.m. August 10, 15, 16, 17 and 23; and 3 p.m. August 11, 18, 24 and 25. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students.

For tickets, call 529-9345, or visit [wetmoreland-players.org](http://wetmoreland-players.org).



Nick Smith, Cary Jones, Randy Black and Jason Strong (standing), and Bob Wilson, Kathryn Shepherd and Brett Hermance (sitting) rehearse a scene from the romantic western comedy "The Rainmaker."





Participants at last week's Hands-On History Day at Historic Christ Church gather on the steps of the 1735 building after they spent the day learning about colonial Virginia. From left, those who joined in the fun are (front row) Anne Shackelford, Mason Walker, Oliver McAninch, Luke Dooley, McKenna Dooley, Nathalie Biddlecomb and Reagan Harding; (next row) Brendan Walker, Joshua Robinson, Hallie Shackelford, Maia Maan and Kaylee Long; (next row) Jesse Robinson, Grant Norman and Will Biddlecomb; (next row) Denzel Mitchell and Grant Biddlecomb.

## Children enjoy annual Hands-On History Day

Seventeen children spent last Thursday learning about history, brickmaking, archaeology and games in colonial Virginia at Historic Christ Church's annual Hands-On History Day.

In addition to touring the historic church and dressing in colonial clothing, the kids made grave rubbings from two 17th-century markers inside the church, wrote with quill pens, and learned to make bricks by hand. In the museum they built brick walls, joined roof timbers using a mortise and

tenon joint, and constructed arches with keystones.

After a pizza party, the youngsters learned about archaeology by excavating shoebox archaeological sites filled with artifacts such as nails, pipe stems, pottery and Native American points. The kids concluded their day by playing colonial games and making their own ball and cup toys.

The annual event is sponsored by the Foundation for Historic Christ Church as part of its education and community outreach program every July.



Summersweet Clethra

### GO NATIVE, GROW NATIVE

Submitted by Gary Chafin of the Virginia Native Plant Society

Summersweet Clethra (*Clethra alnifolia*) is a delightful native shrub that has extremely fragrant white or pink blooms in July and August when many other shrubs have already finished blooming. Its leaves, which are slow to emerge in spring, are a lustrous deep green and have beautiful color in the fall.

The flowers attract numerous birds and butterflies. After flowering, it forms brown seedheads which resemble peppercorns and provide winter interest. (Another name for it is sweet pepperbush).

This is a good plant for shady damp spots and it is moderately tolerant of salty shore conditions. Growing well in either shade or sun, it prefers moist, acidic organic soils. Pruning in the early spring is advised since flowering occurs on new growth.

Mature shrubs reach a height of three to eight feet and a width of four to six feet and may grow larger in moist soils. Clethra is a great plant to use in the landscape near a walk or a door where its fragrance can be appreciated.

The Go Native—Grow Native campaign recently released a new guide to the Native Plants of the Northern Neck. It is available at partner garden centers and nnps.org.

## Richmond County Fair starts August 20

The Richmond County Fair in Warsaw will run from Tuesday, August 20, through Saturday, August 24.

Competition entries will be accepted only on Monday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Memorial Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds. Everyone will be able to view these judged works starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Create photographs and write-ups of old barns in the Northern Neck. Check the competition guide for contest details under the photography competition.

Admission is \$2 per person per day. On Thursday and Friday, admission is free before 5 p.m. Parking is free all the time.

Ride-all-night wristbands are available at area businesses before the fair opens at a discounted price of \$10; and at the fairgrounds, good for that night (\$10 special on Tuesday, \$25 Wednesday and Thursday).

The baking contest subject this year is a Fresh Strawberry Cake. Entries need to be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday. After judging, they will be auctioned off on stage at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the 4-H Scholarship Program.

Seniors Morning will be Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. Crafts and displays open in the Memorial Exhibit Hall and free tour rides of the fairgrounds will be available.

For competition rules and cake contest guidelines, a full schedule of events, and this year's sponsors, visit richmondcountyfair.com

Plan to visit the beef cattle show on Wednesday, the sheep/goat show on Thursday, the miniature horse demonstration on Friday, and on Saturday enjoy the hunting dog show, poultry and rabbit judging and the pet show.

Get your tossing stance ready for the corn hole contests Friday and Saturday, and your feet revved up for the square dancing on Saturday night. There is Bingo, fabulous food and memorable music at the fairgrounds every night.

## AREA EVENTS

### MS luncheon

An MS Women on the Move luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. September 18 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. The event will raise money for the MS Society of Central Virginia.

The luncheon will include a meal, raffles and a silent auction. David Osmond, nephew of Donny and Marie Osmond, will address his experience living with MS. Tickets are \$50. More information can be found at www.MoveVA.org.

### Warsaw market

Warsaw Farmers' Markets will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. second Saturdays on Courthouse Circle in Warsaw.

### Community breakfast

Lancaster Union Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M. will hold its "All You Can Eat" breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on second Saturdays at 48 North Main Street in Kilmarnock.

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The menu offers eggs, sausage, blueberry pancakes, cheese grits, potatoes, sausage gravy, biscuits, fruit, juice and coffee. The fee is \$6 per person; children age 5 and younger eat free. Lodge fundraisers benefit charities including the "Little Angels," the American Legion Golf Tournament and The VA Child I.D. program.

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## Salvation Army seeks volunteers

The Salvation Army is reorganizing its Lancaster County Service Unit.

"We are in search of citizens in the area that are compassionate and willing to serve as volunteers," said Salvation Army Service extension operations director Gary Creswell. "Not only are we in search of members but also of officers to lead the Lancaster Service Unit in lending a helping hand to your less fortunate neighbors."

It is a truly rewarding experience, he said.

Interested parties are urged to contact Creswell at 202-577-3143, or Gary\_Creswell@uss.salvationarmy.org.

## Bay Center plans 'An Evening with...'

The Bay Center in Kilmarnock has announced plans for a new "An Evening With..." series beginning in August and continuing through November. The event will be held monthly on a Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

On August 8, An Evening With Susan Hice on Storytelling will begin the series. Hice will tell a story and then discuss the many interpretations of the events in the story. Questions out of her Joseph Campbell studies are "Why study myths and stories?" and "Can Blunder lead to Boon?" Two quotations tell you her position:

"Indeed, the first and most essential service of a mythology is this one of opening the mind and heart to the utter wonder of all being." ~Joseph Campbell

"Ten times a day something happens to me like this - some strengthening throb of amazement - some good, sweet, empathic ping and swell. This

is the first, the wildest and the wisest thing I know: that the soul exists and is built entirely out of attentiveness." ~Mary Oliver

Storytelling has captured Hice's imagination for years and she is thankful to share with the community.

An Evening With Sue and Rick Johnson on Grandloving is set for September 12; An Evening With Cliff Schelling on Why We Can't Talk about Politics, Sex or Religion is planned on October 10; and An Evening With Diana Jamison on My Journey as an Artist will conclude the series on November 7.

Each evening will include the presentation with discussion and conclude with refreshments and time to socialize. The suggested donation is \$10.

An RSVP is appreciated but not required to 804-436-3191 or info@baycenterva.com. The Bay Center is at 31 Noblett Lane, Kilmarnock.

## Concerts By The Bay has unfilled seats for 2013-14

Season tickets are still available for the 2013-14 Concerts By The Bay season. Five concerts will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the Harry M. Ward Auditorium at Mathews High School, 9889 Buckley Hall Road.

The series opens September 29 with Hal Linden and his seven-piece band playing America's greatest songs and Broadway hits.

On November 10, Pavlo, the "Greek God of the Guitar," and his trio will perform music with Mediterranean and Latin influences. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi is slated December 15.

On February 9, The Sonic Escape Trio will perform, followed by vocalist John Berry on March 23.

Season tickets start at \$65. Other ticket categories at \$105 and \$165 have special benefits, including reserved seating closer

to the stage and "Meet the Performer" parties after select concerts.

Tickets at the door for a single concert are \$25. Youth through high school are admitted free.

To renew season tickets or to become a new subscriber, send check payable to Concerts By The Bay, P.O. Box 355, North VA 23128-0355. Tickets will be mailed in September. Ticket forms can be downloaded from concertsbythebay.org, or call 804-725-7560.

Concerts By The Bay has reciprocal arrangements with Arts Alive Concerts, West Point, and Rappahannock Concerts Association in the Northern Neck. Their performances are free to Concerts By The Bay season-ticket holders. Check their websites for performers and dates at artsaliveinc.org, and rappahannockconcerts.org.

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## Reflections

by Rev. John Farmer

### I Believe in Miracles

The life of Jesus was characterized by undeniable miracles. I don't have to understand them to believe in them. My Bible teaches that Jesus had power over nature, disease, death and also power over demons.

"A miracle is, first of all, a happening which involved the suspension or relaxing of the applicable physical and/or natural laws and the enacting of supernatural forces. Bible miracles sometimes involved the supernatural acceleration of natural laws (such as water to wine)."

Jesus said, "...for if you believe not that I am He, you shall die in your sins." Let's all agree that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. We establish Jesus's Sonship (deity) by the miracles he performed. The word *dunamis* quite literally translates to our English word dynamite. A miracle is dynamic, explodes into faith. New Testament miracles were called signs because they verified and confirmed an observation. The word "wonders" sits amidst the text because they made observers marvel.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) perhaps introduced the view that miracles are simply "outside of nature," thus producing the effects of secondary causes without them. For him miracles not only involved being outside or above nature, but also were actually contrary to nature. Jesus's walking on water was certainly above the relevant natural laws. It also entailed the suspension of the law of gravity. However, in addition to these basic elements, such a miracle was against nature, in that the laws of physics were violated.

When looking to qualify the greatest miracle Jesus performed, some claim it was in feeding the five thousand. Certainly this proved the creative powers of our Lord.

Other miracles performed by Jesus incorporated the natural. His birth was miraculous in that he was born of a virgin. Yet Mary's pregnancy was absolutely normal, even his birth natural. His young

life was normal to that of any other child of his day. Dare we say that miracles embody: "...works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means?"

Let me state it another way: We see in the life of Jesus undeniable miracles. He was born of a virgin, was resurrected from the dead, and ascended to heaven. An understanding of miracles performed by Jesus leads to the belief that He is the Son of God. Such a foundation of natural laws (such as water to wine)."

Jesus owned all of nature: He turned water into wine, calmed the sea and later even walked upon it.

The Bible also recognizes

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the existence of false miracles. These are called "lying wonders." False religions do not possess the truth (God's word). They often attempt to convince people through deception, calling it a miracle.

Similarly, Jesus disarmed demons, cured a chap; challenged and cured a violent demoniac. He even cured a demon-challenged person who was both blind and dumb.

Jesus displayed miraculous power over the material realm. He manifestly displayed miraculous ability over the material in the feeding of the five thousand. Not only did he deal with proposed starvation, he did so with such style as to create a leftover abundance. Thus he saw beyond the need of the present.

Physical diseases and infirmities were no match to his power. He healed Peter's wife's mom of some physical abnormality. Jesus healed "every sickness and every disease among the people." He even restored sight to the blind. His power over death was brought into account when he healed

Jairus's daughter, a widow's son, and Lazarus from the dead. Why, he even promised his apostles that they would be able to perform miracles: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils..." Their powers were, in actual fact, his power manifested in them, and of limited purpose and duration.

The miracles accredited to our Savior were not performed in some botched attempt to remove all sickness from the world. He could have said to death, illness, or what-have-you: "Go away!" They established his authority to forgive sin. His miracles proved that He was sent of God. Nicodemus declared, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no person could do these miracles unless God was in them." In healing the sick, His miracles also fulfilled Old Testament prophecy.

Miracles were not (are not) based on human understanding, rather that they bring us to faith. Such power rests in the hands of

Jesus alone. Even his enemies believed in his miracles. They never questioned such. They were so evidently genuine, without relapse.

Satan is more faithful than many of us - he believes in miracles, and in the power of Christ.

Jesus did not evoke a propaganda campaign or mount a crusade to create the necessary emotional environment, sell prayer cloths, ask for a donation, or sprinkle precious oil. Jesus healed completely and instantaneously. The Bible says that He healed all manner of diseases. Not even the best physician, or surgeon, can lay such a claim.

Stories about miracles are written that, "we might believe that Jesus is our Christ, the Son of our God; and that by believing in and accepting Him, we achieve eternal life." There is no other way into heaven except by Him (who was crucified, dead, buried and resurrected for the forgiveness of sin).

Rev. John Farmer has been the pastor at Irvington Baptist Church since 1986.



The Rev. Matthew Tennant and Dean Tennant share their mission experience with JOY group at Kilmarnock Baptist. Dean was demonstrating the international game of "thumb war."

## Tennants share their mission experiences

This month the Rev. Matthew Tennant and his son Dean, a rising sixth-grader, are sharing stories from their mission trip to Haiti this past April.

They began last week with a presentation to the JOY (Just Older Youth) group, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

During the Sunday services on July 28, pastor Tennant shared special music inspired by their experience.

On August 4, pastor Tennant and Dean will host a coffee hour after the 11 a.m. service, and will show slides and describe their visits to an orphanage in Port-au-Prince and a Christian university in Northern Haiti near Cap Haitien.



### Spencer grant

From left, Arlene Spencer, founder of The Holy Tabernacle-Derrick B. Spencer Memorial Fund, presents a scholarship check to Andrea White of Merry Point. White, a starting basketball player for Georgetown University, recently returned home for a brief break and assisted with Vacation Bible School at Holy Tabernacle, her home church.

## Nate Varnier named pastor at Fairfield's Baptist Church

The congregation at Fairfield's Baptist Church in Burgess has announced that Nate Varnier has accepted the call to serve as pastor, reported Joanne Coor.

Nate, his wife, Julie, and their 5-month-old daughter, Laney, come to Fairfield's Baptist from Claxton, Ga., where he served as youth and children's minister at First Baptist Claxton. Prior to serving in Georgia, Nate served as youth and young adult minister at various churches in Richmond while attending Baptist Theological Seminary, where he graduated in May 2012.

Nate grew up in New Kent, graduating from New Kent High School in 1997. He participated in football, track and tennis in high school and still enjoys getting out on the tennis court. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's in forestry.

Nate worked in forestry and environmental science for eight years before receiving his call to ministry at the age of 30. His parents, Rick and Pam Varnier, also live in the Northern Neck, and both work for the Bank of Lancaster. He also has a 10-year-old daughter, Emma, who lives in Mount Sidney. She loves her travel softball as well as her time visiting here in the Northern Neck.

Julie grew up in Greenville, Miss., but later moved to Richmond after attaining her master's at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Julie will be working for Riverside Tappahannock Hospital as a physician assistant. She worked at VCU Medical Center for 10 years in the neurological surgery department, as well as the pain management field for Optimum Orthopedic while in Georgia. Julie's heart lies in children's ministry, as she loves to see the joy in the faces of children as the love of Christ is shared. Nate, Julie, and Laney are eager to start their life and ministry here in the Northern Neck, and enjoy meeting new people and sharing in fellowship with others, said Coor.



Nate and Julie Varnier

## CHURCH NOTES

### Corrottoman VBS

Corrottoman Baptist Church will host "Colossal Coaster World" vacation Bible school August 4 through 8. Colossal Coaster World is open to all children and youth ages 3 through 18.

VBS will begin with an ice cream social at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Dinner will be served Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. A covered-dish dinner and commencement program will be held at 6 p.m. Friday.

### Guest speaker

On Sunday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m., Abiding Faith Baptist Church, 83 Bluff Point Road, Kilmarnock, will have as its guest speaker the Rev. Kim Bunns from Sharon Baptist Church in Lancaster.

### 146 years strong

Galilee United Methodist Church in Edwardsville will celebrate its 146th church anniversary at 4 p.m. August 11. The special guest will be the Rev. Rodney Hunter, pastor of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville.

### Rehoboth VBS

"Hay Day" vacation Bible school will be held at Rehoboth United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. August 10 and at the 11 a.m. worship service August 11. Lunch will follow.

All children are welcome to join for Bible story, music, crafts, games and lunch together.



From left, Wesley youth David Hall, Rachel Woolard and Leighton McCranie decorate for the upcoming Vacation Bible School.

## Wesley and Campbell join for Vacation Bible School

Wesley and Campbell Presbyterian churches in Weems invite all youth ages 5-13 to Vacation Bible School August 12-16 at Wesley Presbyterian Church, Taylors Creek Road.

The theme of the week is "Taking it Through the Day." Youth will learn how they can take scripture and apply it to their daily lives. During the week the children will learn music and scripture that will be presented to the congregation during the Sunday church service.

A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with Bible school to follow from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Noel Woolard at 436-2559 or Shauna McCranie at 436-6866.

## Vietnam worker to visit Good Shepherd Lutheran

The community is invited to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church August 11 for activities that will focus on Lutheran-sponsored community development projects in Vietnam.

Pastor "J.P." Cima, a native of Richmond, who is home on a brief leave, will present the programs. There will be a worship service at 9 a.m.; an internationally focused Bible class at 10:30 a.m.; and a pot-luck lunch at noon with a presentation describing community development projects in Vietnam. A love offering for his Vietnam work will be received.

Pastor Cima serves in northern Vietnam, where the LCMS has carried out human care and education projects for over 17 years. Pastor Cima works in the Hanoi area and with local partners at the Vietnam Nutrition Association in developing and implementing community development projects in the rural villages of Vietnam.

He also facilitates and oversees short-term personnel who teach English as a foreign language (EFL) in universities in and around Hanoi, as well as short-term service teams from the United States and Asia.

Families are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish, or salad and dessert to share for the lunch.

The Good Shepherd Family provides regular support to pastor Cima's work and looks forward to hearing the latest reports.

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### Boys camp

The Macedonia Baptist Church Community Development Corporation will host S.W.A.G., a free camp for boys ages 11-18, August 12-16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space is limited. To register, call 580-2395.

### Country gospel

Southern Grace will bring country gospel tunes to the Music by the River stage Saturday, August 17, at Belle Isle State Park. The free concert will begin at 6 p.m. in the picnic area. A \$3 parking fee is payable at the park entrance. Belle Isle State Park is off River Road at Somers.

On Sunday, August 18, Southern Grace will lead praise and worship music for the 9:45 a.m. worship service at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive off Mary Ball Road near White Stone. The public is invited to attend the service.

### Revivalist

Beginning Sunday, August 11, at 3:30 p.m. and continuing through Wednesday, August 14, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be having its summer revival. The Rev. William L. Lee, pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke, will be the guest revivalist. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. with music rendered by local churches.

### Women's conference

Pastor Lisa Veney of United Nations International will be the guest speaker at "Birthing Your Purpose" Women's Conference 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. August 3 at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene. The fee is \$10 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Payment can be made on the day of the event. RSVP by July 31.

### Youth lunches

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 435 East Church Street in Kilmarnock, is sponsoring Community Youth Lunches Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All youth 17 and under are invited for fun and lunch in a Christian atmosphere. Activities including basketball, hula hoops, coloring, media and games are provided before and after lunch.