

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



Pizza Night
with salad and dessert
Provided by Pastor Lisa



Please RSVP if you plan to attend by indicating your desire for a meal on the Connection Card or call the church office by 10 AM On Tuesday October 10th. Available dates for preparing a meal are October 18th, 25th and all of November.

THE BG'S will leave the church on Monday, October 9th at 11:30 am for a Noon lunch at the Courthouse Restaurant in Gloucester. This will be a new restaurant for us to try. Come and enjoy some fellowship and good food. – 804-815-6490.

WIT AND WISDOM LUNCHEON : October 23rd at 11:30 AM
For our 60+ year olds (and spouses/significant others). This is a simple time of food and fellowship. We will also have a conversation about future meals and activities



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The kick-off Sunday for Operation Christmas Child is Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017. Brochures can be found in the pew racks, as well as on the table in the breezeway. The shoeboxes will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. Please

use regular-size shoe boxes, plastic or cardboard, wrapped in Christmas paper or left plain. If wrapped, please leave the box lid free so that it can be opened, & use 1 large, sturdy rubber band to close the box. Put loose hard candy in sandwich bags.

IMPORTANT CHANGES: Please DO NOT include toys or cheap trinkets, liquids or breakable bottles, but consider including small clothes items, & shoes/slippers/socks instead. Also, the cost for shipping is now \$9.00 per box. If writing a check, make it out to Samaritan's Purse (NOT Crooks UMC). Donations are welcome,

Thank you for your support for this mission project. Children in great need around the world will receive your gifts plus a storybook on the life of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please see Norma Colton.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Assisted Hearing Devices and Large Print Hymnals: See an usher
Name Tags for all are in the narthex.
They can be returned to the basket on the table following worship OR
in the Fellowship Hall after Meet & Greet.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Main Office will be closed on **Wednesday October 11th** for the Administrative Assistant to attend training. Please Contact Pastor Lisa with any Urgent Needs.

Sympathy

It is with sorrow that we share the news of the death of Howell Draper on the morning of October 2nd. Our Christian Love and Sympathy is sent to Anne Draper and family.
Service arrangements are pending.



JOIN US FOR MESSY CHURCH:



Having Fun!
Being Together
Encountering God
2nd Tuesdays
6-7:30 pm



What better way to be able to invite our neighbors than if you have experienced it yourself. Join us on October 10th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and see what it is all about. All ages, all fun, all centered on Christ.

STAY INFORMED

Leadership Board Meeting Minutes and reports are provided in the breezeway.

Be sure to receive the E-news by signing up via our church website or making a request via the Connection Card.

GIVE ONLINE: An easy and secure way to share your gifts on a one-time or reoccurring basis. Visit our Church Website and click on "Giving" Button or contact Harris Hamilton or Pastor Lisa for more info.

This week we welcome Phillip Higgins as our new Director of Music Ministries. Below you will find his message of introduction.

Phillip J. Higgins was born in 1969 in Skokie, IL. At a very early age, he showed an interest in playing music. Once he learned to crawl, he would make the journey every night into the living room where his Dad was playing the family Theater Organ. Phillip would sit and cry next to the organ until his Dad would pick him up and let him “play” the organ with him. At the age of 4, Phillip taught himself how to play the melody of “Alley Cat” on the organ, after listening to his Dad play it. It was at that age that his private lessons started. Phillip took popular organ lessons until he was 10 years old, and competed in Yamaha Electone organ festivals when he was 9 and 10, winning the 2nd place trophy the second year he went to the festival. At age 10, Phillip started taking classical organ lessons at Wheaton Conservatory of Music in Wheaton, IL, where he studied under the Chairman of the Organ Department, Edmund B. Wright for 3 years, and learned many of the standards by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Brahms. At age 13, Phillip got a piano for his birthday, and started taking Classical Piano lessons. He continued taking lessons throughout Middle School and High School, and performed in many local, State, and National competitions. He also performed a Senior Piano recital at his High School in May, 1997. After graduating from High School, he attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL, and received a Bachelor of Music (BMUS) degree in May, 1992. While at Moody, Phillip was the church organist and choir director at Edgebrook Evangelical Free Church in Skokie, IL. He also accompanied many voice and instrumental majors while attending Moody. After college, Phillip moved to Woodbridge, VA and became a Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Lorton. He was there for about a year, and then transitioned to the staff at Braddock Baptist Church, where he served as Organist, Interim Choir Director, and taught privately a few students. Phillip also worked at Woodbridge Christian School as a Music Teacher and Choir Director, and had a private piano studio of 10 students. He has served in the role as Church Organist, Music Associate, Minister of Music, and as the Music Director at several churches since 1992, most recently at First Baptist Church of West Point, VA from February, 2010

to June, 2017. Phillip is married to Carolyn Marie (Nieman) Higgins. Phillip and Carolyn have two daughters, Alana (7) and Hope (9), and Phillip also has a son, James (19) who is currently serving at Fort Gordon, GA in the US Army.

