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Get Out the Vote!

By Steve Stalnak

Pundits, commentators and talk show hosts of every political and social stripe will tell you that the upcoming November 3 election is “the most important election of our lives.” Seems like they say this every four (sometimes two) years.



Before we go any further, be sure you’re **properly registered** to vote. The deadline to register, or update an existing registration, is Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. Why update an existing registration? Have you moved or changed your name?

Every election is important. It’s vital that each of us take all elections seriously and that we all exercise our God-given, Constitutionally protected right to vote. As elections draw near, publications, pod casts and web sites are full of exhortations to “Go Vote!”

The Twig Bender also urges you to vote, but we also urge you to **inform yourself** before you step into that voting booth and exercise your God-given right.

As you contemplate for whom you’ll be voting, **ask God for guidance** about how this country can get back in right relationship with Him. Seek God’s direction through prayer and by studying His Word. Where does God want our nation, our church or each of us to be?

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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 4 is World Communion Sunday, one of the United Methodist Church's special giving Sundays.

Observing World Communion Sunday helps focus our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. World Communion Sunday calls the church to

reach out to all people and to model diversity to God's children everywhere.

If these were regular times, we'd put a pre-printed World

Communion Sunday offering envelope in the October 4 worship bulletin. However, with the protocols under which we're currently holding in-person worship, we can't have any paper handouts during the service. So, no World Communion Sunday envelopes.

You can give to World Communion Sunday through Greenwood's \$CASHAPP, or you can designate part of your regular Sunday giving to this special UMC giving event. Just write "World Communion Sunday" on the memo line of your check. Or, you can contribute online to World Communion Sunday at [UMC.org/SSGive!](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive)

Your World Communion Sunday offering gifts help facilitate the educational preparation and training of United Methodists from around the world and bolsters recruitment, training and retention of people who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church and who are seeking to become church leaders .

*Our October
Communion Offering Goes to:
LAMB's Basket*



Brunswick Stew Returns this Month

By Linda Walker

Autumn is here – cooler temperatures, shorter days, tree leaves changing to orange and yellow – and time for **Greenwood UMC's Brunswick Stew Sale and Silent Auction**, set for Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are looking forward to this annual event as a time for church members to work together, neighbors to visit, and to raise money to send to our missionary in Cambodia, Clara Biswas.

Because of the Coronavirus this year, we've made some changes in how we prepare the stew. Anyone helping with the stew will wear gloves and masks. Harry Shuler will pick up the stew ingredients and bring them to the church. Ingredients like onions and potatoes will be sent home for families to cut up and bring back to the church. Therefore, a smaller group of volunteers will be needed to cut up the meat in the church kitchen the night before the sale.

We need volunteers on:

- Friday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 p.m. until finish to prepare the stew for the pot.
- Saturday, Oct. 31
 - from 1 to 8 a.m. to help stir and cook the stew.
 - from 8 to 10 a.m. to put the stew in containers, distribute the stew and clean up.

There will be **no bake sale** this year, but the **Silent Auction is on**. The Willing Workers Circle will do all the leg work and set up and run the auction.

Our delicious, world famous stew will be \$8 per quart. You can pre-order by contacting the church at (804) 266-5371 or email admin@gumcva.org.

Volunteers should note that the ingredients include 200 pounds of potatoes, 160 pounds of frozen chicken breast, 6 stalks of celery and 25 pounds of white onions. Potatoes and onions are to be cut up at volunteers' homes and then brought to the



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What Lockdown's Like at the Hermitage

By Arline Shafer, Hermitage Guild Representative

Folks might be interested in what goes on during a lockdown at Hermitage Richmond. Lockdown means folks can do their laundry or pick up their mail but there are no group meetings. Common areas (dining room, library, etc.) are closed.

Every time we leave the campus, for example for a medical trip, we must spend two weeks in quarantine in our room when we return. Someone going for 2½-week medical treatments could get bored and out of shape. How to get exercise? Hm.

Meanwhile the staff (bless their hearts) stay busy keeping us occupied and in touch. We get the *Daily Chronicle* marking happenings on this date in history, paper and pencil puzzles and more. Every month there is a travelogue from the Front Porch Travelers. Topics include a trip to Sweden or Switzerland, or a summary of historical events.

Chaplain Graham has us on a combination reading club and college course as we read and turn in notes about each chapter of *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel. This is an amazing book by an amazing author

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Pre-Packaged Communion Elements

Pre-packaged, already-consecrated Communion elements will be available for those not planning to attend monthly first Sunday in-person or drive-thru Communion services.

Elements can be picked up Wednesday — Friday at the Greenwood church office, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. during the last week of each month for the next month's Communion.

The Virginia Annual Conference has authorized clergy to virtually bless the elements for those still listening or viewing services via virtual platforms.



Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 1

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the hour of 2 a.m. will “fall back” and become 1 a.m., returning us to Standard Time and ending 2020 Daylight Savings Time (DST).

DST is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls later each day according to the clock. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring ("spring forward") and set clocks back by one hour in autumn ("fall back") to return to standard time.

DST clock shifts sometimes complicate timekeeping and can disrupt travel, billing, record keeping, medical devices, heavy equipment, sleep patterns and your editor’s peace of mind.

Computer software often adjusts clocks automatically, but policy changes by various jurisdictions of DST dates and timings may be confusing.

Other time adjustments are depicted for your guidance in the graphic at left.

A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



SMARTPHONE
Leave it alone,
it does its magic



SUNDIAL
Move one house
to the left



OVEN
You’ll need a
Masters in
Electronic
Engineering
or a hammer



CAR RADIO
Not worth it,
wait six months

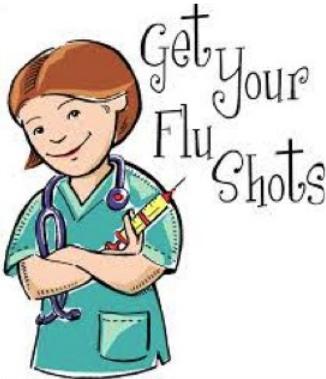
Greenwood's Women's Circles

The Willing Workers Circle will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at Mary Cullom’s home. We’re currently working on getting donations for the Silent Auction coming on Oct. 31 with the Brunswick Stew Sale.

The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7 in the home of Adama-rye Patteson at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in coming give her a call at 266-6364.



Time for a Flu Shot



From Medicare.gov

Now more than ever, we all need to do our part to prevent the spread of illnesses. Those of us 65 and older are at high risk of having serious health complications from the flu.

The best way to protect yourself from getting the flu and possibly spreading it to others is to get vaccinated, and you can do it for free.

Don't wait to get the flu shot. Once per flu season, flu shots are covered by Medicare, when you get it from a health care provider that accepts Medicare or your Medicare plan.

You can get the shot many places, including your doctor's office or your local pharmacy — contact them for details.

Your doctors and pharmacies are working hard to keep you safe and socially distanced. All places offering flu shots should be following CDC guidance to ensure you have a safe place to get vaccinated.

Wear your mask, practice social distancing and stay safe.

Be Prepared — Read the Scriptures

October Lectionary Readings

Oct. 4	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 11	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 18	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

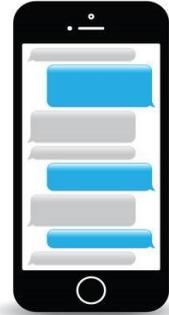
Dealing with Text Scams

Downloaded from McAfee.com

Texts and online messaging are prime places for scammers to try and con you out of personal information.

We often make the mistake of believing that if someone has our number, we either should know them, or our number was given to them for a good reason.

Scammers take advantage of this assumption and have grown increasingly sophisticated about the way they exploit people. They will often pretend to be an acquaintance or a reputable institution like a bank.



Verify the message via a different source: If a friend, family member, bank or any other business asks you for personal information or money, validate the request by calling the company or person making the request.

Beware of unknown or strange numbers: Chances are, you already have a friend or family member stored in your phone under a familiar name.

Notice poor grammar: If the text or chat is not using proper grammar, this is often a tip off that it's a bot or a scammer operating from a foreign locale.

Don't respond: In the end, the safest response is no response at all. If the request is crucial, the company or acquaintance will attempt to contact you in multiple different ways.

Editor's note: don't text and drive, either!

Greenwood/Laurel Park
Charge Conference
Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 at 6 p.m.
On Zoom; Meeting ID: 958 4077



Online: <https://zoom.us/j/95840779208>

One tap mobile (for iOS Devices):
(301) 715-8592 or (855) 880-1246

Dial in on:
(301) 715-8592 or
855 880 1246

Food Donation Connection

October Pick Up Rotation

Thanks to everyone who has been bringing in canned goods and fresh vegetables. Fresh vegetables are the first things to go. Bring your donations to the church office Tuesday through Friday. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Wednesday, Sep. 30: Charley Banks; Thursday, Oct. 1: Susan Johnston and Lewis Daniel; Friday, Oct. 2: Carolyn and Ray Smith.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, Oct. 8: Susan Johnston and Lewis Daniel; Friday, Oct. 9: Trish Hayes.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Charley Banks; Thursday, Oct. 15: Susan Johnston and Lewis Daniel; Friday, Oct. 16: Adamarye and Riley Patteson.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, Oct. 22: Susan Johnston and Lewis Daniel; Friday, Oct. 23: Carolyn and Ray Smith.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Charley Banks; Thursday, Oct. 29: Susan Johnston and Lewis Daniel; Friday, Oct. 30: Trish Hayes.

Good Morning, This is God.
I will be handling all your
problems today. I will not need
your help. So, relax and have a
great day!



Get Out the Vote!

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As you pray for discernment and guidance, **pray for the election officers** who'll be running the polling places for over 15 hours on election day. Several members of the Greenwood church family will be performing this vital function on November 3.

Do your **due diligence** and find out about the candidates whom you're voting for and the issues you'll be voting on before you color in that oval on your ballot with that "official marking device" (a.k.a. black ball-point pen) which has replaced the usual "I voted" sticker as your souvenir of voting.

There are a multitude of places you can **get information** about candidates and ballot issues. Start with the Virginia Department of Elections (<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html>).

There you can find out who and what is on the ballot. There are a couple of proposed amendments to the Virginia constitution you can read about there, as well as a list of acceptable forms of identification at the polls.

All the candidates and their political parties have web sites, which will, of course, be subjective. The League of Women Voters (<https://lwv-va.org/>) has always been a good source of election research. Their website states: "We are proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public." Visit their website, see where they fall on the issues and make up your own mind about their impartiality.

It's much easier these days to get information about candidates and ballot issues than it was when many of us first voted. The Internet is a great source of information for or against any election issue or candidate. Just remember that sites can be partisan and that just because it's on the Internet that doesn't make it true. Try to get both sides.

So, **be an informed voter**. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to *educate* themselves and then *show up* on election day.



Quarantine at the Hermitage

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about an amazing man.

Galileo did research and experimented in so many fields: flotation, astronomy, math, music and dialogue between Copernicus' information (the earth moves) and ancient belief (it does not). Copernicus proved it moves, but he was overlooked. Galileo picked up from there. The Catholic Church leaders were adamant about staying with the ancient idea.

This man was a true family man, a gardener and a loyal believer. Want to know more? Read the book. Get in touch with me and find out where you might get a copy. Or try ThriftBooks online.

We have been fortunate so far in keeping the virus under control. This game is not over; each day we await future developments as schools and universities open. We await the real good news: no lockdown, no quarantine, a vaccine and your Hermitage Guild Rep can make it to church. Let us pray.

Linda Walker added, "I recently visited Arline at The Hermitage. It was so good to see her. She was out of quarantine in her room. If you would like to visit her or anyone at The Hermitage you need to call the office to make an appointment, and you will be able to sit on the front porch with your friend.

"Arline asked how everyone at Greenwood was doing. She misses coming to the church. But with the pandemic, if she leaves the building, she must be in isolation in her room for two weeks when she returns. She is grateful no one there has contracted the virus."



SEE GREENWOOD ON FACEBOOK:
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GUMCVA



Brunswick Stew Coming on Halloween

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church, placed in the refrigerators in the kitchen or Fellowship Hall by 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

Whoever prepares the potatoes should remember to put the cut potatoes in an ice chest, covered completely with clean water or they will turn brown. It's best to do this as late as possible on Friday. Cut onions should be placed in gallon or larger Ziplock bags, then brought to the church and put in the refrigerator. Harry says he plans to have all ingredients at the church around 11:00 a.m. on Friday morning; potato and onion volunteers should meet Harry at the church around that time.

Please consider how you can help with this event – perhaps in memory of our late friend, **Brenda Shuler**. We all miss Brenda. She did so much for our church – quietly behind the scenes. If you can help, contact Harry Shuler at (804) 746-4694. During your prayer time, please **thank God for all He has done** for us and ask for His blessings on our stew sale and silent auction.



Sunday Combined Virtual Worship

Every Sunday at 11 a.m. on Zoom or dial 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 829 5710 1589; password: 929829

Also on Facebook Live

Wednesday Prayer Call

Every Wednesday, 6 to 6:15 a.m. on Zoom or dial +1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 851 1374 4202; password: 452446

Thursday Bible Virtual Study

Starting Thursday, Sep. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

On Zoom or dial +1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 863 1433 8951; Password: 239754

Note: Links, Meeting IDs and Passwords Are Different.



October Grass Cutting Detail

Your Trustees have established a volunteer rotation for cutting the grass on the church grounds this summer. This month's schedule is:

- Week of September 28:Harry Shuler
- Week of October 5: Bob Stapleton
- Week of October 12:Lewis Daniel
- Week of October 19:Steve Stalnaker
- Week of October 26:Harry Shuler



If anyone else would like to help with this summer's grass cutting, please give Bob Stapleton a call at 804-672-8408. Thank you from your Trustees.

Virginia Voting Dates of Note

To help Readers keep track of important Henrico County voting dates and deadlines:

- In-person Absentee Voting at Eastern and Western Government Centers, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — October 1 through October 30.
- In-person Absentee Voting at Eastern and Western Government Centers, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Every Saturday in October (Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31).
- Voter Registration Deadline — Tuesday, Oct. 13.
- Deadline to Request Absentee ballot to Be Mailed to You — Friday, Oct. 23.
- Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 3 — Polling places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Absentee ballot drop boxes are available at the Henrico County
Eastern and Western Government Centers:*

Western Government Center
4505 East Parham Road
Henrico, VA 23228

Eastern Government Center
3820 Nine Mile Road
Henrico, VA 23223

More info at Henrico.us/registrar or call 804-501-4347



Greenwood Church Family Birthdays

Finnley Loving	10/4	David Shuler	10/20
Dean Pittman	10/4	Amy Yeary	10/21
David Stanley.....	10/6	Taylor Stapleton	10/22
John Butler	10/13	Kimberly Shuler	10/26
Carlos Rios.....	10/15	Charley Banks.....	10/31

Anniversaries



Jim & Lorrie Bowie..... 10/18

Don't see your birthday or wedding anniversary in The Twig Bender and would like to have us publish it? Send your dates to admin@gumcva.org or call the church office at 804-266-5341; likewise, let us know if you'd like your birthday or anniversary removed.



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October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; background-color: #fce4ec;"> <h3>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</h3> </div>				1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 	2 6 p.m. Free Food 	3 No Men's Breakfast
4 World Com-munion Sunday 11 a.m. In-Person & Virtual Worship 6 p.m. Charge Conference	5 World Teacher's Day 	6 Mad Hatter Day 	7 6 a.m. Prayer Call 1 p.m. Ruth Circle 6 p.m. Willing Workers Circle	8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 	9 6 p.m. Free Food 	10 Nat'l Motorcyle Ride Day 
11 11 a.m. In-Person & Virtual Worship	12 Columbus Day 	13 U.S. Navy Birthday Virginia Voter Registration Deadline	14 6 a.m. Prayer Call 	15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 	16 6 p.m. Free Food 	17 LPUMC Fall Fair 
18 11 a.m. In-Person & Virtual Worship	19 Lung Health Day 	20 Int'l Chefs Day 	21 6 a.m. Prayer Call 	22 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 	23 <i>Twig Bender</i> Deadline 6 p.m. Free Food 	24 Nat'l Bologna Day 
25 11 a.m. In-Person & Virtual Worship	26 Mule Day 	27 Navy Day 	28 6 a.m. Prayer Call 	29 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 	30 6 p.m. Free Food 	31 Halloween Brunswick Stew Sale and Silent Auction 

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 1 Daylight Saving Time ends
 Nov. 3 Election Day
 Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day
 Nov. 29 Advent Begins
 Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Greenwood's Vision

Loving

Learning to love and connect with God and People



Growing

Acquiring tools for being transformed into the image of Christ



Serving

Participating in church ministry and community outreach



Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Don't forget the 2020 flower calendar posted in the back hall. You're invited to donate altar flowers in memory of, or in honor of, those you'd like to remember.

Cost of the altar flowers is \$20; please pay in advance.