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Putting the Toothpaste Back in the Tube

By Steve Stalnaker

Have you heard the saying “You can’t put the toothpaste back in the tube?” This aphorism is generally used to mean that something can’t be undone.



Those who have seen any of several episodes of the Discovery Channel’s “How It’s Made” on TV will know that the toothpaste can, in fact, be put back into the tube – provided one knows how to do it and has the right tools.

Consider, how did the toothpaste, cream, glue or whatever get into the tube in the first place? The empty tubes come from the manufacturer open at the end opposite the “nozzle.” The product’s maker pours a measured amount into the open end of the tube and some sort of special machine then seals this end. Voila! The tube is ready to be capped, boxed, shipped and sold to consumers.

So, you can, in fact, put the toothpaste back in the tube. When you think about it, it’s easy, if you have the right tools. I’m still looking for that special machine to seal the end, but that’s a minor consideration.

What is much more difficult to “put back” is words,

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UMC Special Sunday

Compiled by Linda Walker From www.umcsgiving.org

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as Special Sundays. These are opportunities to recognize and support particular ministries with our offerings. This month's Special Sunday is United Methodist Student Day which is celebrated on November 24.



Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving, in Jesus' name, the people God loves. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.

We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.

And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve the world God loves. So, although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body to do it in Jesus' name. Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



Christmas Cantata Coming Dec. 22

By Jackie Schultz

The choir is rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata, "Breath of Heaven."

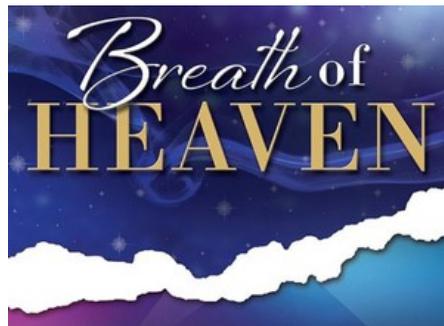
Our cantata is a beautiful, short musical story of the obedience of a young girl who fearfully rejoices at an angel's visit proclaiming that she will become the mother of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

We'll perform the Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 22 at Greenwood's 11 a.m. worship service.

Please invite friends and relatives to celebrate with us. There will be a congregation Christmas Carol Sing-along at the finale!

Choir practice is at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Choir room. There is still time to join us, and always an open seat with your name on it!

Let Us Be Joy to the World!



Be Prepared — Read the Scriptures

November Lectionary Readings

Nov. 3	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 10	Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
Nov. 17	Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 24	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Next 5 Talent Academy Coming This Month

Downloaded from Virginia Conference UMC Web Site

What does it look like to be a church in and for your neighborhood? Bishop Ken Carter and four other presenters want to help you and your church become deeply engaged in your community. This event is for lifelong learners – clergy and laity – who are leading the church in today's world and interested in outreach, hospitality and evangelism.

**ENGAGE 2019:
Community Transformation
November 14, 2019**



The Clergy and Laity Event will be Thursday, Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Woodlake UMC in Chesterfield and simulcast to 11 satellite sites.

The featured presenter, Kenneth H. Carter, Florida Conference UMC Resident Bishop, and president of the UMC

Council of Bishops, will preach at the November 14 event. Bishop Carter gives pastoral and administrative leadership to about 800 churches, fresh expressions of church, campus ministries and outreach initiatives. He has served in the Florida Conference since 2012. He is the author of *Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church* and *Embracing the Wideness: The Shared Convictions of United Methodists*.

Other presenters will be:

The Rev. Dr. Michael Beck is Director of Re-Missioning for Fresh Expressions US, and Cultivator of Fresh Expressions for the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Jacqui Lewis is senior minister at Middle Collegiate Church, New York City, a 1,000 member, multi-racial, welcoming and inclusive congregation.

Anjie and Andy Woodworth are co-pastors of Neighborhood Church and have served churches throughout North Georgia.

The 5 Talent Academy is a group of like-minded pastors and laity across the Virginia

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After School Update

By Porter Schermerhorn

The After School Ministry didn't miss a beat in October.

The Henrico County school year is moving right along, and our After School Ministry is more than keeping pace. On Columbus Day, Oct. 14, we went to McDonald's Play Land for lunch and fun, followed by a trip to Three Lakes Park for even more fun.

On Friday, Oct. 18, we visited RF&P Park to see the old train cars; then we played on the playground at the adjacent Crump Park, thus having a field trip full of both learning and fun.

On Monday, Oct. 28, we went to the Henrico County Animal Shelter to visit the animals, distribute towels and blankets we had collected for them and to give the animals the healthy, delicious treats we made under the tutelage of "Miss Trish."

On Thursday, Oct. 31, we enjoyed the Halloween Trunk or Treat at our sister church, Laurel Park United Methodist.

Another great learning experience we have had, this month and last, is learning about bees from, and visiting the hives of, our own "Miss Trish," who is herself a bee-keeper.

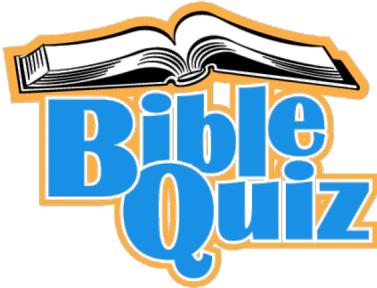
All of this in addition to the games, movies, study halls, snacks, craft projects and Christian education we enjoy every day at our church.

Speaking of Christian education, our new memory verse is Exodus 3:12, "I will be with you."

Please stay tuned to the *Twig Bender* for more great After School news next month!



Bible Quiz: Famous Children in the Bible



Famous Children in the Bible

Children are an important part of many of the stories in the Bible. Each month we will post information about a child mentioned in God's Word. See if you can guess the identity of the child and the Bible reference.

The question for October was: "This boy was healed by Jesus even though Jesus never went to see him."

The answer is found in John 4:46-54.

This is a Bible lesson about the time a Gentile official came to Jesus and asked him to heal his son. Jesus told the man to return home because his son was healed. The man showed great faith and left, trusting what Jesus had said. It is one of several stories highlighting the fact that Jesus is God's Son. This scripture can help kids see Jesus' power and his ability to bring healing without even being with someone.

Here's the Bible Quiz question for November:

This boy killed a giant.

The answer will appear in the December *Twig Bender*.

Greenwood Circles

The **Ruth Circle** will meet Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the home of Jean Mowatt.

The **Willing Workers Circle** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the Just Friends Sunday School classroom. The Willing Workers sponsored the bake sale at last month's Brunswick Stew Sale and Fall Fair, collecting \$118 toward mission projects. We are sponsoring a Longdale Elementary School family for Thanksgiving and continuing to recognize the Longdale Teacher of the Month. We also made a donation to Good Samaritan Ministries for their Thanksgiving Dinner drive.



Avoid Holiday Scams

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Some things make an appearance every holiday season: bustling shopping malls, rows of homes strung with lights, office parties—and scams aimed at exploiting holiday shoppers and year-end philanthropists. Here are five common scams waiting to grab your money like it's the last slice of pie at the dinner table.

Too-Good-to-Be-True Travel Offers

A tropical getaway is always enticing in the midst of winter, and that's exactly what scammers hope will make you take the bait. However, what seems like a dream vacation could end up being a financial nightmare, since you'll end up paying for a trip you can't take. Tips:

- Be skeptical of free trip offers.
- Know what's included in a package deal. Get it in writing.
- Do your own travel research to verify the legitimacy of any deals.

Cheer-Free Online Offers

Searching for the perfect gift at a great price? Be careful when buying gifts online. Fraudsters are more focused than ever before on online scams since chip technology has made it more difficult for them to use your card at stores. Tips:

- Stick to well-known retailers. Remember—if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Watch out for look-alike websites. Check the web address for anything out of the ordinary like rewording or extra or misspelled words. Always look for the lock icon or a URL that begins with "https" before you click "Buy Now."
- Be suspicious of debit- or gift cards-only payment options or requests for wire transfers.

Not-So-Jolly Job Postings

The ad promises to get you the perfect well-paying job. Who doesn't want that? Phony job postings on social media sites whimsically detail a dream career or adver-



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Come See the Model Train Show

Editor's Point of Personal Privilege

The Science Museum of Virginia (SMV) will host its 42nd Annual Model Railroad Show Friday, Nov. 29 - Sunday Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



Featuring all the bells and whistles, guests will enjoy unique and traditional model train displays from across the state. Meet Clydesdales horses, watch a blacksmith in action and take a ride on the Teddy Bear Express! Learn how trains work, conduct experiments, check out special demonstrations and enjoy a holiday weekend filled with fun for the whole family.

The model train club I belong to, the Richmond Freelance and Prototype Model Railroaders (RF&P) is the featured model railroad club and will be displaying four model train layouts.

SMV members will be admitted an hour early each day (members-only hours 8:30 to 9:30 am). The Model Railroad Show is included with Museum admission. Admission is \$15.50 for adults, \$13.50 for youth and seniors, and \$10 for preschool age children. Children 2 and under are free.

The 42nd Annual Model Railroad Show is presented by Dominion Energy.

Our November Communion Offering Goes to Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU

Prayer Conference Call every Wednesday, 6 to 6:15 a.m. Dial in on 605-313-5111; code: 196886.
Press star six (*6) to Mute your phone



November 5 Talent Academy

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Conference who are committed to learning the tools and techniques to have healthy, fruitful congregations. Members of this community learn new ways to increase worship attendance, professions of faith, faith development, ministry to the poor and stewardship.



There is no cost to churches to join the 5 Talent Academy, just a commitment to grow in fruitfulness and multiplication of ministries centering on worship, mission, discipleship, evangelism and stewardship. The 5 Talent Academy can help churches achieve their goals by giving access to inspiring leaders, proving a venue to brainstorm concepts with peers and offering resources to help churches multiply their God-given talents.

Woodlake UMC is located at 15640 Hampton Park Dr, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 3

We'll be setting our clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. Since we have so many "devices" keeping time for us, the *Twig Bender* provides the guide at right to help readers accomplish this sometimes daunting task. Enjoy.

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



Of Toothpaste and Tubes

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and nobody knows this better than your humble correspondent. The Bible is replete with comments about words; here's some from the Book of Proverbs alone:

"Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues." Proverbs 10:19

"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Proverbs 12:18

"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:4

And James had this to say about it:

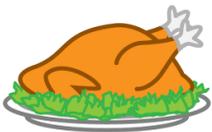
^{3:5} Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

So, spill all the toothpaste, caulk or whatever you want to, but guard your tongue. Consider this prayer that I should use more often: "Oh Lord, put Your arm around my shoulders and Your hand over my mouth."



November Food

Fellowship Dinner: Wednesday, November 13 – 6:30 p.m. Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie. Please make your reservations by Sunday, November 10; using the bulletin insert, or call the church office at (804) 266-5341 or e-mail admin@gumcva.org.



FunRaisers Bag Lunches: Pick up after worship services Sunday, Nov. 24. Menu: Chicken salad on croissant, chips, Jello and cookies.

Avoid Holiday Scams

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tise temporary holiday jobs so you can earn extra cash. How can you tell the difference between a legitimate job and a phony one? One idea that may help is to remember that legitimate employers won't ask for personal information up-front, nor will they ask for money or pressure you to act quickly before you've even had an interview. You can check out the company with the Better Business Bureau® (BBB) or do an online search. If there isn't much there, you might want to pass. Tips:

- Emails from legitimate recruiters usually won't come from free accounts like Gmail, AOL or Yahoo, so look for a company email address (e.g., John.Doe@xyzcorp.com).
- Don't share personal information, pay an up-front fee to an employment agency or wire payments.
- If the pay being offered is way more than you'd expect, be wary.

Coal-Stuffing Prizes and Sweepstakes

"Congratulations! It's your lucky day—you've won a car, cash or some other (incredible prize)," or so the email says. It's most likely you're just one of the many people who received this spam email or saw this pop-up ad that's trying to trick you into handing over personal information or money, in hopes of receiving a reward.

Tips:

- Never hand over any financial information or account numbers to individuals or companies you don't know or trust.
- Be especially wary of notices that begin with "Dear Sir," or requests to pay fees or shipping charges.

Scammers Never Take A Break...



Not Even For the Holidays

- Be suspicious of claims you won a contest you didn't enter or pressure to act quickly.

Phony Charities

The holiday season is meant for giving, but be sure to validate any charity to which you choose to donate. For help, use services like the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alli-

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Avoid Holiday Scams

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ance, Charity Navigator® or CharityWatch. Tips:

- Ask for written information about the charity, so you can fact check.
- Beware of sound-alike charities—look it up before donating. Note that some scams use a similar sounding name of notable charities, and many often sound so similar, the spelling in the web address could be only slightly different from that of the legitimate charity.

Brunswick Stew Sale and Fall Fair

At press time, we had netted over \$1,400, with proceeds from the Silent Auction still to be counted. Many thanks to all who helped with the stew and the fair.



Food Donation Connection

November Pick Up Rotation

Wednesday, Oct. 30: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, Oct. 31: Lewis Daniel; Friday, Nov. 1: Brenda Shuler.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Charley Banks; Thursday, Nov. 7: Lewis Daniel; Friday, Nov. 8: Carolyn and Ray Smith.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, Nov. 14: Lewis Daniel; Friday, Nov. 15: Adamarye Patteson.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: Charley Banks; Thursday, Nov. 21: Lewis Daniel; Friday, Nov. 22: Brenda Shuler.

Wednesday, Nov. 27: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day; Friday 29: Carolyn and Ray Smith.





Greenwood Church Family Birthdays

Nancy Lloyd	11/3	Seth Stanley.....	11/6
Betty Henley.....	11/4	Lois Cullom	11/10
Betty Ritchie	11/5	Frank Miner	11/21

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

Biltmore Baptist Church

1300 New York Avenue, Glen Allen



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Greenwood UMC November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day 6 p.m. Free Food	2 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Ashland Train Day
3 Communion Sunday LAMB's Basket Sunday 2 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends 11 a.m. Worship	4 Common Sense Day 	5 Election Day 6:30 p.m. Pack 744	6 6 a.m. Prayer Call 7 p.m. Ruth Circle	7 5:30 p.m. Willing Workers 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	8 6 p.m. Free Food	9 Chaos Never Dies Day 
10 11 a.m. Worship Pansy Orders Due	11 Veterans Day 	12 5:30 p.m. Fi- nance Com- mittee Meets 6:30 p.m. Pack 744 6:30 p.m. Admin Council Meets	13 6 a.m. Prayer Call 6:30 p.m. Fel- lowship Din- ner	14 8:30 a.m. 5 Talent Acade- my at Wood- lake UMC 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Richmond Beekeepers	15 6 p.m. Free Food	16 National Fast Food Day
17 11 a.m. Worship	18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday 	19 6:30 p.m. Pack 744	20 6 a.m. Prayer Call	21 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	22 Twig Bender Deadline 6 p.m. Free Food	23 National Adop- tion Day <div data-bbox="917 1182 1237 1268" style="border: 2px solid blue; background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Friendship Quilters</div>
24 United Meth- odist Student Day 11 a.m. Worship Pick Up Bag Lunches 	25 National Parfait Day	26 Doozie Tuesday at Aggie's Attic 6:30 p.m. Pack 744 7 p.m. Commu- nity Thanks- giving Service	27 6 a.m. Prayer Call	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 6 p.m. Free Food	30 Hanging of the Greens <div data-bbox="926 1435 1237 1521" style="border: 2px solid red; background-color: #ffe0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SMV Model Train Show</div>

Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 1.....Advent Begins
Dec. 22.....Christmas Cantata
Dec. 24..... Christmas Eve
Dec. 25.....Christmas Day
Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve (Watch Night)
Jan. 1 New Year's Day

