

July 2024

## Third Presbyterian Church

**The Pastor's Note:**

I suspect most of you have heard some version of the story of the boy and the starfish. I think it is pertinent to who we are and how we are to act as Christians in our world today.

An old man was doing his daily walk along the beach one morning, when he spotted a young boy crouched by the water, scooping something up from the sand and throwing it into the sea. The beach was normally empty at this time of day, and so the old man stopped to watch for a while. He noticed that the boy kept on shuffling a little further down the beach, then repeating this same action again and again – stopping, scooping, throwing, moving.

*“What are you doing there, boy?” the old man asked, walking closer.*

*“I’m saving these starfish that are stranded” replied the boy, “if they stay on the beach they will dry out and die, so I’m putting them back into the ocean so they can live.”*

*The old man was silent for a few seconds. “Young man,” he said, “on this stretch of the beach alone, there must be more than one hundred stranded starfish. Around the next corner, there must be at least one thousand more. This goes on for miles and miles and miles – I’ve done this walk every day for 10 years, and it’s always the same. There must be millions of stranded starfish! I hate to say it, but you’ll never make a difference.”*

*The boy replied, “well I just made a difference for that one” and continued with his work.*

Our faith calls us to make a difference, to take action to share the witness of Christ in the world. We have to more than just verbalize our faith. James 2: 14- 17 gives us our direction. “What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

It is easy to dismiss the little things that we can do. If everything you did had to have a huge, immediate impact before you gave it a little of your time, then you’d end up doing very little with your life. The little things we do can add up and turn into big things – they make ripples that spread further than we can see. Those starfish that the young boy saved may have gone on to produce thousands more. And just imagine if the man who stood idly by had saved one starfish each day he walked that stretch of beach – he’d have saved 365,002 by now (depending on when the leap years fell!).

The challenge to each of us is to keep our eyes open and when we see the opportunity to share the love of Christ in an act no matter how small, that we do so knowing that as the little boy said, “I made a difference for that one.”

Peace,

Don+

*Copied in part from [Access People](#) – November 20, 2015*

**Join Us For Worship Every Sunday  
In-Person and Live Stream at 11 AM**

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom’s dial in option.

Meeting ID: 605 837 516  
Password: 23518  
Phone: 312-626-6799

**Communion for Homebound**

Rev. Martin and an elder will be bringing communion to any homebound person that would like to receive it. This will be done once a quarter on Monday following the first Sunday. This will be done again in October.

If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 757-587-7576 or Rev. Martin at 757-754-9232 so that a time can be scheduled with you.

**PW Bible Study & Fellowship - Will Resume in September**

Join us for fellowship and Bible Study on the 2nd Tuesday each month at noon. Lunch at noon and study starts at 12:30. Bring your lunch if you like.

**“Salad Sunday”  
Sunday, August 11th**

Our first “Salad Sunday” was such a success that we are going to do it again! Please join us on Sunday, August 11th for our next “Salad Sunday” immediately following worship. We had such a great variety of delicious salads to choose from and had a wonderful time of fellowshiping together. Please bring your favorite salad to share - it can be anything you would call a “salad”. Cold salads, hot salads, chicken salad, spinach salad, pasta salad, tuna salad, fruit salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, tossed salad, apple salad, rice salad, three bean salad, carrot salad, egg salad, broccoli salad, jello salad, Cesaer salad.....the list is endless! Mark this on your calendar now so you don’t miss it!



July 4—Marguerite Duke  
July 5—Joseph Ominski  
July 11—Jessica Fitzgerald  
July 12—Judy Grandstaff



July 2—Amy & Dennis Griffin  
July 6—Jessica & Ray Fitzgerald  
July 16—Teri & Ken Howard

### Most Asked For Addresses

Amy and Dennis Griffin  
528 Fishermans Road  
Norfolk, VA 23503  
757-618-3006 - Amy  
757-618-3005 - Dennis

Teri and Ken Howard  
P.O. Box  
Macon, NC 27551  
757-274-3311 - Teri

Dot Grandstaff  
The Gardens of Virginia Beach  
5620 Wesleyan Drive #247  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
757-583-2244

Peggy Russell  
Aspire at West End  
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415  
Henrico, VA 23228  
Phone: 757-387-9301

Lexi White & Marc Cahill  
89 Winchester Dr.  
South Kingstown, RI  
02879

Judy & Tim Cook  
2909 Arc Road  
Mobile, Alabama  
36605-4466  
251-385-0615

Carter Griffin - until 8/31/24  
2LT Griffin, Carter  
Tactics AC  
24 Rhineland Street  
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5117

### Don Martin's Contact Information

[pastordonatthird@gmail.com](mailto:pastordonatthird@gmail.com)

757-754-9232

### Prayer List

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

- Claudia Cary
- Peggy Russell
- Jennifer Russell
- Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald
- Ginny Davis
- Steve & Claudia Glover
- Carol Maxwell's Mom
- Larry McKinney
- Patricia Basnight
- Darlene Pick
- Holly Gaff
- Nancy & Steve Babor
- Gini and Sandy Campbell
- Toy Hefner
- Noah Lucas
- Margaret Chewning
- Heather Sipe
- Our Pastor - Don
- Our Church
- The Session
- Our Community

### Offerings

- June 2 - \$1,645.00
- June 9 - \$1,817.00
- June 16 - \$711.00
- June 23 - \$970.00
- June 30 - \$1,290.00

**Office Hours** - We are currently without a church secretary. We will have volunteers assisting with answering phones a few mornings a week. If you need assistance, please feel free to call 757-587-7576 and leave a message, send an email to ([thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com](mailto:thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com)), or call one of the elders or the pastor. Thank you!

### Shepherd's List 2024



**Amy Griffin**

**757-618-3006**

\*Dee Glover

\*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

**Teri Howard**

**757-274-3311**

Don Martin and Tony Crudup

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

Joseph Bray

**\*Anne Basnight**

**Tom Maxwell**

**757-531-9851**

\*\*Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

The Rapacon Family - Amanda,  
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,  
and Peter

\*no email-please call

\*\*Text

**Red+Shut-in**

**Stacy Apelt**

**757-583-5872**

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

**Margaret Chewning**

**757-581-0428**

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Ginny Keisel

Claudia Cary

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

Mike Gallond

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA  
23518

(757) 587-1591

**• Food Pantry Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**The food pantry serves Norfolk  
zip codes 23518 and 23503.  
Those in need of assistance  
may obtain a referral from any of  
the participating churches.**



**Pantry Wish List:**

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

*Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.*



# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July 	5	6
7 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship & Communion	8	9 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford-FH	10 7pm AA Meeting	11 7-9:30pm Square Dance	12	13 10 am – Noon Clothes Closet 
14 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	15	16 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford-FH	17 7pm AA Meeting	18 7-9:30pm Square Dance	19	20
21 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	22	23 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford-FH	24 7pm AA Meeting	25 7-9:30pm Square Dance	26	27
28 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	29	30 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford-FH	31 7pm AA Meeting			



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Norfolk, VA 23518

**CHURCH STAFF**

Don Martin, Covenant Pastor  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Lexi White, IT Facilitator  
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director  
Clara Barnes, Sexton  
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session  
Holly Gaff, Treasurer  
Amy Griffin and Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

**Presbyterian Women**

**Presbyterian Men**

Tom Maxwell, President  
Fred Holtz, Vice-president

**Memorial Committee**

**SESSION**

**Building & Grounds**

Stacy Apelt

**Stewardship**

Teri Howard

**Witness & Outreach**

Tom Maxwell

**Worship**

Amy Griffin

**Administration and Personnel**

Margaret Chewning