



Beginning Anew

Dear Third Family,

I remember when our fourth daughter was born. On the one hand, everything seemed very familiar: the same hospital, the same OB-GYN, the same routine, the same crib, the same car seat, even the same gender! We had done this three times already! But on the other hand, everything was new. A whole new girl, a whole new person, a whole new life. There was something exhilarating in returning to something that was so familiar yet at the same time altogether new.

This December, we are beginning anew in a couple different ways. First of all, we are beginning a new Christian year. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29, and for the historic and global Christian community, Advent begins the new year. We begin rehearsing the same old story again, beginning with the anticipation of Christ (Advent), the coming of Christ (Christmas), the life of Christ (Epiphany), the suffering of Christ (Lent), the resurrection of Christ (Easter), the ascension of Christ (Ascension Day), and the sending of the Spirit (Pentecost). We have rehearsed this story so many times before, yet this is the story that centers our community and anchors our hope. And so even though we have gone through the motions of Advent many times before, we begin this story anew! We move into the season of anticipation remembering that "the hopes and fears of all the years" are met in this One who comes to save.

In December we are also beginning a new sermon series on the Gospel of Luke. Over a period of about eighteen months, with several breaks throughout, we will be working through the entire book of Luke together. For many of us, this will be full of familiar stories that we have heard again and again. So why are we doing this?

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*training disciples to love
 and transform the world
 through
 Jesus Christ.*

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First of all, because we never “graduate” beyond the person of Jesus. To grow as a Christian and to grow as a church involve going deeper and deeper into knowledge of and relationship to Jesus, in whom are “hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3). Second, we are doing this because Luke, in particular, seeks to show us what a community looks like that follows Jesus and embodies his Kingdom. As we continue to discern how God is shaping the future of Third Church, we will take many cues from Luke in what he envisions for a community that follows Jesus.

So though we are now returning to familiar traditions, a familiar story and a familiar book, we are at the same time beginning anew. May God renew our love for the Savior and continue to make us new!

Grace and peace of our Savior+



Corey Widmer

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES - *The Gospel of Luke*

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
 PART 1: THE COMING OF THE KING**

Nov. 29, 2015	The Story of the King: Luke 1:1-4	<i>Richard Haney</i>
Dec. 6, 2015	Preparing for the King: Luke 1:26-45	<i>Corey Widmer</i>
Dec. 13, 2015	The Song of the King: Luke 1:36-55	<i>Corey Widmer</i>
Dec. 20, 2015	No Room for the King: Luke 2:1-7	<i>Corey Widmer</i>
Dec. 24, 2015	Announcing the King: Luke 2:8-21	<i>Corey Widmer</i>
Dec. 27, 2015	Waiting for the King: Luke 2:22-38	<i>Nan Clarke</i>

2016 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Third Church continues to be blessed by God’s generosity as he provides through his people - thank you for your generous 2016 pledge commitments!

If you are still in prayerful consideration about a 2016 pledge, we are grateful. Please call the church office (804-282-4645) if you need a pledge card or go to thirdrva.org to pledge online.

ADVENT AT THIRD CHURCH

Mark your calendar to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with Third this December.

STOP HUNGER NOW: GIFT CARD DRIVE

November 15 through December 20

Make a gift to Stop Hunger Now (\$50 or more) in honor of friends or family in this alternative gift card drive. Donations can be made in the Fellowship Hall, Steeple Corridor, or at the office during the week.

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Parents and children are invited to the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the Advent Season with worship, crafts, and teaching.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for a meal together and to share and discuss how God is with us in this season. Bring a dish to share and small stocking stuffer items to donate to the Covenant Woods Stocking Stuffer Drive.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for a joyous and interactive service of worshiping and reading scripture together.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE: JOHN RUTTER'S "GLORIA"

Sunday, December 13, all morning services in the Sanctuary

Join us for a special worship offering during our Sunday morning services.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

December 18-19 from 8 p.m. - 8 a.m. at 600 Forest Ave

STUDENT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Sunday, December 20 at the Huttons' home

Middle School: 4 - 6:30 p.m. & High School 7- 8: 30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24

Services at: 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Christmas Pageant at the 4 p.m. service



STOP HUNGER NOW

Most of us have just enjoyed a lavish feast over Thanksgiving and will enjoy its leftovers for days after. Our abundance contrasts starkly with much of the rest of the world. There are still 795 million people who are chronically malnourished. One in nine go to bed hungry and 45% of child deaths are attributed to poor nutrition. Now in our 5th year participating in Stop Hunger Now, we are making an impact. The number of those who are malnourished has gone down, 216 million less than 20 years ago.



Join us in continuing to make a dent in this global problem by participating in the Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event January 23, 2016. Right now you can contribute toward the cost of providing the **100,000 meals** we will package that day using the alternative gift cards for Christmas to donate in honor of a friend or someone in your family. Just donate — either online or in person — and pick up a card(s) in the Fellowship Hall or Steeple Corridor on Sundays leading up to Christmas. Then, you can give the card to your family member or loved one on Christmas.

Registration is open for you to help package meals on Saturday, January 23. It is a fun event for us as a congregation, seeing each other look strange in hair nets and watching our industrious children have fun while they serve. Most of all, it is a way we contribute to the flourishing of our world in a way that makes a difference.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN:

1. DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE

Donate \$50 or more in honor of a family member or loved one, and receive a gift card that you can give to them on Christmas, which dedicates your gift to them. Donate online or at the church, and pick up your cards on Sunday mornings in the Steeple Corridor, Fellowship Hall, or in the church office during the week.

2. SIGN UP TO SERVE AT STOP HUNGER NOW ON JAN. 23

Register online to be part of this unique event. Sign up for any of the following slots:

Package meals in 2 shifts: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 23

Help with set-up: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 22

Help with clean-up 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 23

3. DONATE TOWARDS OUR MEAL PURCHASE GOAL OF \$29,000 OR 100,000 MEALS

Give online or at the church on Sunday mornings to help us reach our goal.

To join in the Stop Hunger Now effort and help us meet our goal of 100,000 meals, go online today:

WWW.THIRDRVA.ORG/REGISTRATIONS

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY - ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER - Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The women of Third are continuing to focus this fall on drawing near to God and learning to adore him and recognize his presence in our lives. Our Christmas Dinner will be on the theme "Emmanuel, God With Us" and we will hear from scriptures and other women's stories about God's presence.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend who may be seeking God. There is no charge and we ask each woman to bring a dish to share.

At the dinner, we will also be collecting stocking stuffer items for residents of Covenant Woods. See the full article below for more information and what you can bring to contribute.



STOCKING STUFFER DRIVE

Join us as we gather stocking stuffer items for the residents of Covenant Woods retirement community. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to bless the residents of Covenant Woods.

You can bring the items to the Christmas Dinner on December 1, or drop them in the box in the main hallway at Third by Room 109. Please do not wrap the stocking stuffers, and remember that small items are preferred, but not samples. Also, please: no candy, cookies, or earrings. Recommended items to donate:

- Women's necklaces and bracelets
- Hand lotion (8 oz. or less)
- Dove soap
- Deodorant
- Scarves and gloves
- Handkerchiefs
- Postage stamps
- Chapstick
- Calendars
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Liquid soap
- Combs and brushes
- Soft socks
- Magnifying glasses
- New nail polish, nail file kits
- Change purses
- Pens and notepads



Questions? Contact Jean Sommerville at mjstwin2@gmail.com or 789-9888.

FAMILY MINISTRY - ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION - *November 29, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.*



During the Sunday School hour, parents are invited to bring their children between the ages of 3 years old through 4th grade to the Fellowship Hall for a special kickoff to the Advent season. The event is free, but we encourage signing up your family so we can ensure enough craft supplies for everyone.

For questions, contact Kathy White at kathyw@thirdrva.org. To sign up, visit thirdrva.org/registrations.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, at the 4 p.m. service, children are invited to help tell the story of Jesus' birth during Third's annual Christmas pageant. Elementary-aged students and younger are encouraged to be creative and find a costume to represent a shepherd, angel, wise man, or animal. Bathrobes and homemade costumes are acceptable!

During the pageant, children will be called forward at the appropriate place in the story to be part of a living Nativity scene. This tradition is a wonderful way for our little ones to celebrate Christmas. There will be some tinsel, crowns, and a few animal costumes on hand that evening available to kids on a first come, first served basis. We hope you will join us for this special evening of worship.



CROSSOVER CLINIC - *Opportunity to Serve a Vulnerable Family*

Corey has recently preached on the Biblical call to know and serve the "quartet of the vulnerable: the poor, widow, orphan, or immigrant."

Each Christmas season CrossOver Healthcare Ministry's social work program identifies the most vulnerable families among our low income, uninsured patient population. They are then matched with people in the community that desire to help with anything from practical needs to friendship to assisting with Christmas gifts.

If your small group or family is interested in serving your neighbor in this way, please contact Lynn Williams: lwilliams@crossoverministry.org.

CHURCHWIDE MEETING - JANUARY 10, 2016

Please note service time changes to accommodate a full congregational meeting—for this Sunday only. Look for more info about the meeting to be shared in the coming month.

8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Two Worship services: one in the Fellowship Hall, one in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. - noon Congregational Debrief Meeting following our 10-month TAG discernment process

FEBRUARY TERM

What is the February Term?

Each winter, we take the month of February to get on the same page as a congregation by combining our adult Sunday discipleship classes for a month. Together, we'll study an issue that has bearing on our lives as Christ-followers no matter what age or stage of life we find ourselves in. This year, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. during our normal education hour.

We'll be looking at Third's core: who are we and how God is forming us as his people. We'll be digging deeper into our core values:

- **BIBLICAL FAITHFULNESS**
- **GOSPEL COMMUNITY**
- **INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP**
- **MISSIONAL ORIENTATION**
- **CATALYTIC CULTURE**

We hope you all can join us in this unique opportunity to study together as a congregation.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BI-MONTHLY DINNER - Tuesday, January 5, 6:00 - 8:00

Join Third's Men's Ministry for dinner and a message from Tommy Thompson. Tommy will share his annual New Year's message on the theme of *Becoming and Being Christ's Men*.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT - February 6-7, 2016

Save the date for the Annual Men's Retreat, this year right here in the Richmond area! Back by popular demand: Jerry Leachman will be joining us. Jerry is an awesome speaker and former Young Life area director, Chaplain for the Washington Redskins, and men's ministry leader all over Washington Metropolitan Area. He teaches the largest men's Community Bible Study in the U.S. at McLean Bible Church, and regularly speaks throughout the US and overseas at U.S. military installations.

We're excited to welcome Jerry back, as he's been a well-received speaker at three of our retreats since 1994. Registration will open soon, so mark your calendar.

EL SALVADOR MISSIONS TRIP — JUNE 18-24, 2016

Led by Tom Barila, this trip aims to come alongside our mission partner in El Salvador, Humberto Alferez Marengo. While we're there, we'll focus our work in these high-impact areas:

- ESL and other education initiatives
- Community involvement: VBS-like activities, food deliveries, and medical support
- Orphanage engagement

In addition to the above, we'll also explore El Salvador's beautiful country. We'll visit the country's tallest volcanic mountain area as well as enjoy the rich cultural experience along the Pacific Ocean.

Our trip is limited to the first 15 people, ages high school seniors and older. For questions or to sign up, contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

To learn more about our last El Salvador trip in 2014, visit thirdrva.org/el-salvador.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SPORTS SKILLS CAMP 2016

It's never too early to start planning for next summer!

Our 4th Annual Basketball and Soccer Sports Skills Camp and Kickball Showcase will be **July 11-15, 2016**, lasting from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. each day.

Bring your children, grandchildren, or your neighbor! The camp is a great opportunity for us to combine the fun and approachability of sports training with the great news of God's plan for our lives! We do both in a safe and relationally-focused environment. Our sports camp is led by skilled college athletes, affiliated with Sports Outreach Institute.



INTRODUCING: SHILOH MINISTRY



Shiloh is a place to connect with others who understand the pain and grief you're experiencing through the loss of an unborn baby, or the longing of a child yet to be conceived. The group provides support, prayer, and community for all affected by these challenges—husbands, wives, families.

If you or someone you know is dealing with or has dealt with infertility or loss, we invite you to contact us. To connect with Shiloh Ministry, please get in touch with Caroline Hutton at cmhutton6@gmail.com or Charlotte Gage at charlotte.jean.gage@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP STORY

Grace and Love in a Time of Need

Moving to a new city can be, and most often is, incredibly stressful. This was certainly true for our family, when we moved from the DC area to Richmond in Fall 2014 to be closer to my parents. The circumstances for the move were less than ideal: in late June of 2014, my dad was diagnosed with ALS. We made the decision to move closer to support family, yet we were immediately subjected to trials of our own, making for one of the most intense years of our lives.



In the midst of this, we quickly found authentic friendship and support through our Third Church small group. Without a doubt, they played a huge role in helping us survive the hardships over the past year. Though we had only known them a short time, we were able to freely and honestly share. The group shared both in the sorrow of trials and in the joy of newfound friendships. They provided meals for us, prayed for us, and have walked the journey with us.

Our small group provided instant community in our time of need; for that we will be forever grateful to God and to Third Church.

Anna & Rick DeJarnette

If you are interested in being part of a small group, please contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org with the following information: type of group (mixed, men, women) and your availability. We will seek to connect you with an existing group or with others who are interested in forming a new small group.

MISSIONS PROFILES: *Scott & Karen Hanson*

In an effort to share the stories and testimonies of Third's missions partners and missionaries, we will more regularly be featuring profiles directly from the field. We hope you are inspired, challenged, and encouraged by the stories of God's faithfulness and favor as his people share the gospel with unreached populations across the globe.

Scott and Karen Hanson are missionaries living and working in Africa with the organization *Live Dead* – a group devoted to the idea that we die to our selves, and live through Christ in us. *Live Dead* is committed to taking the church where it does not yet exist.

Currently, there are over 3.6 billion unreached people in the world, and *Live Dead* has 40 teams of missionaries targeting five regions in the world. The Hansons labor to plant churches and make disciples of the 867 unreached people groups of the 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Most people in this area couldn't find out about Jesus even if they wanted to! They do not have access to the gospel, church, or other Christians.

Third has sponsored the Hansons since the late 1990's when they were introduced to us through church members. They send regular monthly updates through their newsletter called the "Hanson Heartbeat." October's letter included a wonderful, encouraging story 10 years in the making...

In 2005 they partnered with one of their supporting churches to buy a plot on the Swahili Coast with the intent of building a nursery and eventually planting a church. As building began, villagers became agitated over the idea of a church there and one day a mob with sledgehammers came, chased the workers away and tore down the walls. They made threats to anyone who would try to build there. A true, low moment.

Over the years, attempts to re-engage the village were met with resistance. Last year, however, they decided to try again, this time working through the *Live Dead* business. It purchased the plot from the national church and made plans to build a center. Distrust was still high until the Minister of Education stopped by and talked about how their business is the best English school around and would be a huge blessing to the community. His words broke through, and people's attitudes began to change.

For the past 10 months construction has continued and today the building is almost complete. They have team members ready to move into the community and will begin to make relationships and share the gospel. It is their goal to start a house church and in doing so, share the opportunity to know Christ with many people.

How can you help from right here in Richmond? Pray! They have a program called *Pray Band*, which is a simple network that organizes and multiplies prayer. Pray Bands are established with three people. Each cell is assigned one *Live Dead* church planting team and three unreached people groups in that team's country.

Visit livedead.org to be a part of this prayer ministry or to learn more about *Live Dead's* vision and strategy for reaching the unreached.

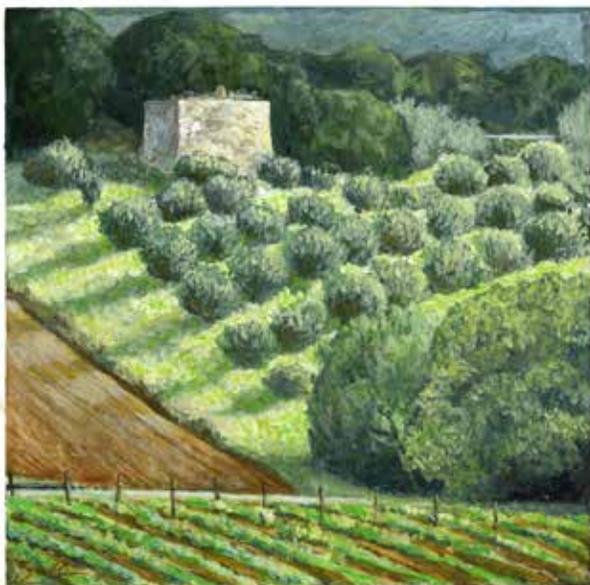


GALLERY 500

Beginning in December, Gallery 500 will feature small landscapes by Mark Sprinkle.

Including both acrylic on paper and oil on canvas works, the paintings are intimate Italian scenes that focus on images of provision and protection: vineyards and olive groves, small well-houses and watchtowers.

Stop by the Third offices at 500 Forest Avenue to experience these works yourself.



NEWCOMERS MINISTRY

WELCOME NEW COVENANT MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 18, 2015, we had twenty-five people become new Covenant Partners of Third Church.



CJ & Dana Alderson



Jesse Baez & Erica Giovanni



Suzanne Bond



Mark & Katherine Crocker



Randy & Kim Gordon



Paula & Randy Harrison



Lila Hiltz



Tim & Ginny Latham



Betty & Jim Olson



Arne & Arlene Owens



Alan & Sue Reed



Buck & Connie Rosenberger



Van & Katie Smith



Victoria Wynn

*Please welcome them into our church family
and find opportunities to meet them and get
to know them!*

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY

Interested in learning more about Third, or considering membership? Join us in our next Newcomers Class where you will learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving, and outreach. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a member of Third.

NEXT NEWCOMERS CLASS:

- **Sunday morning:** January 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Friday evening:** January 15, 6-9 p.m. with dinner
- **Saturday morning:** January 16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Sunday morning:** January 17, joining services for those deciding to become members

To sign up, register online at www.thirdva.org/membership or contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdva.org or (804) 282-4645 ext. 124. Childcare is provided with a reservation for the class.

EVENT & FUNDRAISING RECAPS

2015 FALL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - A Recap

Over 160 women attended our Women's Fall Conference on November 7. Sara Hagerty was our speaker and is the author of the book *Every Bitter Thing is Sweet*. We were touched by her authenticity and vulnerability as she shared about reaching out to God through his word in the struggles of life – marriage, finances, longing for children, adopting four African orphans, and finally having a child of her own. She shared how she is learning to worship and adore God through scripture, tiny prayers, repentance, and prayer journaling. And she shared how she's seeking to heal the hearts of her adopted children with God's love. Sara's message was a message of God's love for each of us.



As a follow-up to the conference, Mary Kay Avula and Sarah Widmer are facilitating a Book Club on Sunday mornings in January. If you would like to join them, please email Mary Kay at marykayavula@yahoo.com. You can print the Book Club discussion guide for free from Sara Hagerty's blog, everybitterthingsweet.com. You may also want to study her book with your own small group using this discussion guide.



EVENT & FUNDRAISING RECAPS

2nd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

On October 25, over one hundred people gathered to celebrate one of Third's Faith Milestones: the 2nd grade Bible presentation. Families ate a meal together and then twenty-two 2nd grade students were presented with their very own personalized Adventure Bible. The children then gathered for a time of singing and encouragement from Jimey and Kathy Ames. They used ribbons to mark the Bible's table of contents, their favorite verse, and 2 Kings 22:1-2—the passage in which Josiah became king when he was only 8-years old.



This annual event is something our children look forward to, receiving a Bible that they can read on their own! It's exciting for Third's family ministry to take part in encouraging families to spend time with their children in the word, reading together and learning more about Jesus.

Many of these children brought their Bibles to church on the following Sunday and were reading along with their teacher during class and with Pastor Corey during the sermon. If you see a 2nd grader, congratulate them and encourage them to keep opening God's word!

Information on Faith Milestones is available at: <http://www.thirdva.org/faith-milestones>.



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FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Third's fall blood drive. From our drive on October 23, we were able to deliver **27 units of life-saving blood** to the American Red Cross. We also had an impressive number of walk-ins: 14! Our donors came from our congregation, friends, family, and even some neighbors.

Never underestimate the impact that one donor can make in giving less than an hour of his or her time to minister to God's community in a very concrete way.

This year, the Third family has donated a total of:

114 *good units of blood* *which means* **342** *lives saved*

Thank you, Third Family, for this generous gift!

GERTRUDE'S NOTRE MAISON ORPHANAGE FUNDRAISER

The Mosaic Ministry thanks the Third Family for its unbelievable generosity this year in starting a nutrition program at Gertrude's Notre Maison Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

This summer, a team from Third held a Vacation Bible School at Notre Maison, an orphanage for 50 children with special needs. In June, Third's men donated the funds raised at the Sam Jackson Memorial Golf Charity Outing to the nutrition initiative. Then, in August, a Mosaic Ministry fundraising dinner raised even more gifts. Between the two events, a total of **\$17,850** was raised for these children!

The children were previously eating flour-based porridge twice a day and one meal of rice and bean sauce. With your contributions, they are now eating eggs, oatmeal, fruits and vegetables. A portion of the money Third raised is going to buy equipment and seeds, and hire labor to develop a sustainable vegetable garden for the orphanage.

Thank you for your support of this mission. It will provide much needed nutrition for these children for years to come. You can learn more about the orphanage on their website: gertrudesorphanage.weebly.com.



Christine, Naiki, Annie, and Alisha enjoying a breakfast of oatmeal.



A nanny assists Sandra with eating her scrambled eggs with vegetables. The orphanage reports that the children are getting used to the new tastes.

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NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Third Family,

During a hard and overwhelming season for my family, I want you to know how deeply your many expressions of care have blessed us, and have prevented our isolating, as we can be prone to do in times of hardship. Your faithful writing, calling, emailing, texting, visiting, praying, helping, advising, inviting and sharing, have played for us a powerful symphony of Hope, pointing us to Jesus, and reminding us of His love and goodness!

Frederick Buechner says, "... you and I are...each other's family, because that is what Jesus has called us as the Church to be. Our happiness is all mixed up with each other's happiness and our peace with each other's peace.... Be the light of the world, Jesus says. Where there are dark places, be the light especially there....Be life-givers to others."

Craig and I are grateful, dear church family, for your lavish, timely and life-giving love and encouragement to light our way. I'm thankful that God, in His great love, has put us on this journey of life together!

*Your sister in Christ,
Annhorner Truitt*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls and food since I had my knee replacement in September. I appreciate Elizabeth Conner's visit and the delivery of the basket of pretty flowers. They brightened my room at the rehabilitation facility, and I knew I was being remembered. There were other visitors who informed me of activities at the church—Ed, John, and Nan were faithful and their prayers meant so much.

I'm making progress and I hope to be back with you soon. Again I'm most appreciative of all your care and for being a part of a loving, caring church.

*In Christ's love,
Mary Ann Hancock*