

The Hinton Herald

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Rev. Welch,

Greetings from Randolph College. The 2011-2012 academic year is off to a great start. Enrollment has increased 15 percent over the past two years, and the academic profile of our students is increasing. We were named one of America's best colleges by U.S. News and World Report, the Princeton Review and Forbes. Newsweek named our faculty as the most accessible out of all colleges and universities in the country. Great things are happening at Randolph College!

Our success is due to the hard work of our students, faculty, and staff, but also to those who contribute to the College. An important contributor to Randolph College continues to be the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. I thank you and your congregation for your apportionments to the Education Fund this past year. This fund is vitally important in assisting our United Methodist students. I encourage you to pay your 2011 apportionments at the 100 percent level. This is crucial to the Virginia Conference, so that it can fulfill its programs and goals.

Thank you for your commitment to higher education and our United

Methodist students. Best wishes for a great year.

Sincerely,

John E. Klein

This month – on October 30 – “Get Ahead Sunday” (the 5th Sunday of the month) we have the opportunity to give an additional amount beyond our pledge that will go toward apportionments. Our goal is to end up paying a higher percentage than we did last year. The Finance Committee, Church Council and I encourage you to help us meet that challenge. So far, it looks like we will indeed meet or exceed that goal and we want you to be excited about celebrating that victory.

Yours in Christ,

~ Rosemary Welch, Pastor

What's Happening in Worship?

October 2 (World Communion Sunday) The Question: What is the point of confession? Does it matter to anyone but me?

The Message: *Getting to a Clean Slate* (Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

Children's Message: *God's Loving Way*

October 9 (17th Sunday after Pentecost)

The Question: What would happen if we were as happy to be guests at a party God invites us to as we were to the parties of our friends?

The Message: *Weddings* (Matthew 22:1-14)

Children's Message: *RSVP SPECIAL FEATURE THIS SUNDAY: “New Family”, a short*

drama written and directed by Rusty Renick and performed by Heather Walton, Sam and Ed Denham, and Sue Woodson.

October 16 (Laity Sunday/18th Sunday after Pentecost)

The Question: Are all of us expected to answer the question: What do you think of the Messiah? Yikes!

The Message: *How Hinton Avenue Answers the Question* (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:34-46)

Children's Message: *Thank You Notes*

October 23 (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

The Question: What will be our legacy?

The Message: *Whatever Happened to Ol' So-n-So?* Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Children's Message: *A Relay Race*

October 30 (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

The Question: What are the barriers in our own lives that, if we overcome them, will make a positive difference in the world?

The Message: *"Roll, Jordan, Roll"* (Joshua 3:7-17)

Children's Message: *Crossing the Jordan River*

November 6 (All Saints Day)

The Question: What is a "Saint"? Can I be one too?

The Message: *Fingerprints of the Soul* (Romans 5:1-5)

Children's Message: *Marks of a Saint*

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have joined the "church eternal". If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year, please call the church office – 434-293-7049

**Annual Charge Conference
7:00pm in Chapel
November 2nd**



A Note of Thanks

On behalf of the AA community and Jefferson District, thank you for providing us with use of your fellowship hall in September for our meeting.



Yard/Bake Sale Nov 5th

The Adult Sunday School Class is planning a yard/bake sale **Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 - 12:00 noon** in the church social hall.

Sausage biscuits and coffee will be sold so come early and have breakfast before you shop.

Sale items are needed for this event. Drop off gently used or items no longer necessary or in use to the Adult Fellowship Class anytime or bring them to the social

hall on Friday morning, November 4th.

Please indicate that these items are for the Adult Class event.

Also, we will accept delicious baked goods for sale too.

Any and all assistance/items are appreciated.

Or, just come and bring your friends to shop.

Proceeds will be used for various church projects.

Candlelight Fundraising Banquets

The Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia is hosting their annual Candlelight Fundraising Banquets on **Friday, October 28th** and **Saturday, October 29th** at the Doubletree Hotel.

If you are interested in attending or just want to know more details, please contact Nell Hibbits at 296 2034.

Clothes Closet



By Patricia Carter

Blankets accepted throughout the winter for the homeless.

Other needs for clothes closet – children's clothing, men's shoes, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, etc.



YOUTH PRIORITIES

By Rev. Welch & Lindsay Walton

The following topics were chosen by the youth last month in the order they would like to study them.

They form a profound and interesting sequence as to what the steps may be to be followers of Christ. Lindsay Walton and Rev. Welch have started on these topics and are throwing a few more into the mix – like the story of John Wesley. So, if you want to know anything about these topics in the next year, ask one of Hinton Avenue’s youth!

- Church
- Holy Spirit
- Discipleship
- Creation
- Sin
- Redemption
- Salvation
- God
- Jesus Christ
- Worship
- Confession
- Sacraments
- Holy Life

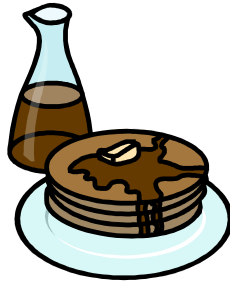
There were also two topics that were added: Parables and Mission.

We’ve got quite an agenda for the coming months (or more!).

Join us on Sunday evenings at 5pm for supper and more youth group fellowship, because it’s not all study that we do!

Meals are needed - please contact me (Lindsay) if you can prepare a

meal for everyone, indicating your preferred Sunday.



UMM Pancake Dinner

To be held and served by the UMM on **October 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.**

The menu is as follows:

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Fried Apples
- Coffee, tea or milk.

Tickets can be bought from UMM members in advance, or at the door - \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 11 and under.

Questions, call John Harrup at 981-2694.

“Our Membership Vow: As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness”.

September	
Avg. church attendance	59
Avg. Sunday School	30
Visitors	17
Offerings	\$17,747.06

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

Please provide to me by the 20th

of each month

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