



Pantops Beacon

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Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 11

If you're a Swiftie then you already know that the Kansas City Chiefs will be playing the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on January 11. That's also the day of the Souper Bowl of Caring. There will be a bin in the hallway outside the sanctuary for your contributions of non-perishable food items to be taken to Loaves and Fishes. No matter who wins the game and takes home the trophy, those dealing with food insecurity in our area will be on the winning side. Please make sure that any items donated have not exceeded their expiration date. Thank you for caring for your neighbor.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, February 8, at 9:00 AM
at Tip Top

At Sunday's Special Called Business Meeting, the church unanimously voted to amend the church's inclement weather policy. The church office will be closed when 12-month employees of Albemarle County Public Schools are not required to work due to inclement weather.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM

A Church For All Survey

Please help us by completing the online survey by February 18th. Paper surveys can also be picked up at church.

<https://forms.gle/KokGhHuStj3Bnszn6>

Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM) Fundraiser

Sedona Taphouse's Dine Out for Charity on every Monday in January and February, at both lunch and dinner, will benefit AIM. For every 1/2 price 8 oz. Flat Iron Steak or 7 oz. Norwegian Salmon entree sold, Sedona will donate \$1 to AIM. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a great meal and support AIM at the same time.

Attendance on February 4, 2024

Worship - 49	Sunday School - 32
Budget	\$ 3,935.00
Other	\$ 163.90

Financial Summary as of December 31, 2023

Budget to Date	\$ 263,000.40
Actual Expenses to Date	\$ 202,960.00
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 219,103.00
Current Surplus	\$ 16,143.00
Freeman Original Loan	\$ 120,000.00
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 42,655.31

*Thank you for your faithful financial
support of Pantops*

Lenten Devotional booklets are available at church. Feel free to share one with a friend.

AIM (Alliance for Interfaith Ministries), one of our ministry partners, is looking for volunteers to help make food and paper goods deliveries on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. If you would be interested in helping with this, please call the AIM Office, 434-972-1704.

From the Associate Pastor



In 2022, we as a church had lots of challenging conversations as we went through what we called a Spiritual Direction process. We all agreed we wanted to be a church where “all are welcome.” When the Spiritual Direction team (of which I was a member) discussed that statement, a consensus emerged that we needed to be more specific. We understood those people who might wonder if “all” meant them needed to see something more. Out of those discussions came the beautiful welcoming statement we adopted later in the year. I thought then, and still think, that the Jesus who made a Samaritan the hero in one of his stories, who highlighted the giving of a poor widow, who touched lepers and had dinner with tax collectors was smiling when we as a church voted to make that statement. I think he's smiling again as we undertake our “A Church for All” initiative. We want to make sure our words are actualized when individuals walk into our building, join us in worship or in ministry, or in any way have contact with Pantops Community Church. I suspect there are probably some more challenging conversations in our future, and while there can be angst associated with those discussions, we follow a Jesus who was always pushing the boundaries to expand our understanding of what God's kingdom looks and feels like. We're not perfect. We will stumble. We may even make some mistakes. But we are following Someone who knows the way. Our job is to keep our eyes and ears open as we prayerfully go where the Spirit leads. I like to travel, and it's always fun to discover someplace new and wonderful. I am confident we as a church have some amazing discoveries to make together in the coming months and years. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Journeying with you,
Margarete

Christian Concerns

Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Pete Hildebrand, Maggie, daughter of Carrie Kerwick, Ray Klein, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie, Kim Murdock, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels, Joseph Sesay, George White

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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sermon Title: “What Just Happened?”

Rev. Matt Roberts

Text: Mark 9:2-10

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and
Online at 11:00 AM

February 7, 2024