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2022 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

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THANK YOU, Advent Book Team

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **TODAY** right after service

COMMUNITY MORNING OUT

The next Community Morning Out program will be **Tuesday, November 01 at 9:30am**. The group had so much fun last month, and we hope to have more smiling faces join us this month. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending so that we can have plenty of supplies and refreshments on hand.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The Youth Council will meet next **Sunday, November 6, 2022** right after services.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Children's and Youth Ministry are preparing for Operation Christmas Child. There are several large boxes available for placement of donations. One is located near the classrooms in the Narthex. The other is in the hall near the WMU bulletin board. If you would like to pack your own Operation Christmas Child box, boxes are available on the counter near the WMU bulletin board. Please prayerfully consider actively taking part in this very special ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the Children's and Youth Ministry packing party on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**.

HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED FOOD

In our own area, there are those who suffer from food deprivation and the need for basic hygiene products. We are still collecting nonperishable food items and hygiene items, along with nonperishable baby food and baby hygiene items. Your donations can be brought to our church on Sunday mornings or during office hours, M-F 9am-12pm, and dropped in the box inside the Narthex entrance. Food distribution will take place on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday, prior to 11:00am at Bellamy United Methodist Church**.

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PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

GPBC's Pastor Search Committee has been working since late March 2022 to discern God's will in calling the next Pastor of Gloucester Point Baptist. After receiving training from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) [field Strategist Brian Williams], the Pastor Search Team (PST) developed profiles for our church, community, and next Pastor based on the church wide survey conducted in May. These profiles and an application for the GPBC Pastor opening were placed on our website (gloptbaptist.org) and advertised through many different seminaries, Baptist news outlets, the BGAV, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

As of Oct 15, 2022, we have received 22 resumes from a variety of sources. With all the advances in digital communications since the last Pastor search for GPBC, the PST now receives and evaluates the candidate's worship service videos, church websites, and other digital media as part of the resume review process.

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We especially appreciate the church's focused 31 Days of Prayer, and we continue to ask for your prayers during the search process. We are confident God has already selected our next pastor. Now we must be patient for His timing and obedient to His will in GPBC's Pastor search.

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Help Needed! Sue's family will be at her home in Poquoson on November 10 to help her load her belongings into a truck for the move to NY. Sue and her family would appreciate the help of a few men to lend a hand on that day. Please contact Sue at the office if you can assist. Thank you for any help you can give.

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