

Pastor's Notes October-November 2026

The signs of changing seasons are all around us and we are in the midst of harvest time where the products of seeds sown, and labor invested are gathered and shared. In this season, the Scriptures remind us that if you sow little you will harvest little (II Corinthians 9:2) and that you will reap what you plant (Galatians 6:7). In the truest sense, there is no season in our walk with God where we are not planting and harvesting. Proverbs 8:22 teaches us that if we plant seeds of injustice, we will reap disaster and Job 4:8 tells us that people who plow in fields of evil and plant wickedness will harvest wickedness and evil.

The Prophet Hosea invites us to plow new ground and plant righteousness and reap the blessings that devotion to God produces. The Prophet laments that God's people did not plant seeds of fidelity, but rather seeds of evil and they reaped the harvest and ate the fruit of their lies and misdirected devotion.

Though we recognize that it is harvest time, may we now plow in new fields and plant the seeds of truth, peace, love, healing, and joy so that we can partner with God in bringing flourishing to all creatures and all creation. As we seek to plant good seed in good soil, our sermonic offerings will be grounded in the liturgical life our EBC Village, the larger Christian family, and the groans of the world.

October 4- Church Anniversary – Keep It 100- "A New Thing Now" Isaiah 43:18-21

October 11 – A Word from the Lord – Concert - Goochland County Community Choir 3 pm.

October 18 – Clergy Day/Choir Day – "Singing Through the Crisis" Acts 16:25-36

October 19 – Mid-Day In person Bible Study 11 am.

October 25 – Harvest Fest/Trunk or Treat- "A Big God!" Revelation 7:9-12 -Youth Church

October 31 - Women's Retreat - Rev. Stacy Edwards Dunn

November 1 – Women's Day – Rev. Stacy Edwards Dunn

November 8 – Veterans Day Recognition- "It's Time to Enlist" Judges 6:11-16

November 15 – Missionary Day – Harvest Baskets- "Won't God Do It!" I Kings17:6-16

November 16- Mid-Day in person Bible Study 11am

November 22 – Ushers' Anniversary – "A Life-or-Death Ministry" Acts 7:7-11- Youth Church – Baby Dedication

November 25 – Thanksgiving Service- Fast Day- 6 pm. Meal & 7pm. Worship- "With A whole Heart' Psalms 111:1-3