

Essex Churches Together Sponsors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

(Please put the head like this above- we would like the Neighbors Helping Neighbors to be recognizable each month. Thanks- Alice)

At the March ECT meeting Leslie Franklin, coordinator for Connect Rappahannock, shared with the group the new web-based information network designed to support work of nonprofit organizations, churches, government agencies, business leaders and civic-minded citizens. Rappahannock area includes Essex, Lancaster, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties. The website is www.connectnetwork.org/rappahannock.

The Rev. Ann Reeder Riggs from St. John's Episcopal and Avis Miller from Grace Episcopal combined thoughts from the church representatives and came up with a prayer for Essex County. This will be shared with all the churches and Essex residents are invited to pray individually and collectively for the county

Kay Beale described the tutoring program that Angel Visit has set up for after school hours. There is no charge. For more information call Kay Beale 443-4229. James Cary reported that Computer Literacy Classes for adults are ongoing at First Baptist Church on Thursdays.

Tove Oster from Community Services reported there is always a need for canned food and food staples. She is appreciative of the program going on at *Curves* to collect canned goods and receive a discount on the membership fee. She also mentioned that right now there is a need for boys' clothing.

Tappahannock Presbyterian has donated funding for 4 months of phone service for the Free Health Clinic. The cost is \$50.00 monthly. ECT has set as a goal to provide a year's worth of phone service to help the clinic get off the ground. All churches are asked to participate. Checks may be made out to TUMC with the memo stating Free Health Clinic. P. O. Box 326 in Tappahannock, 22560.

It was reported the next Red Cross meeting will be April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. Citizens are invited to come and hear about volunteer opportunities.

At the April meeting church representatives will be bringing the dates of their summer Vacation Bible Schools. ECT is helping to coordinate an effort to have a church program going on every week of the summer so that children can attend different churches with their friends. Churches who have not yet sent a representative to ECT are urged to do so on April 25 at 7:30 PM at the Essex Public Library. Important work is going on for Essex County.