# Monthly Newsletter

# OLD CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER

April 2025



# Hey there, how are you? Here's an Old Church Update

Spring has arrived, and there's a fresh buzz around the Old Church Community Center! From Easter Egg Hunts and spirit nights to swim team signups and our annual clean-up day, the season is in full swing and we hope to see you involved.

We're also excited to share that our newly formed nonprofit, Friends of Old Church, is officially up and running. This new organization strengthens our ability to care for the spaces we all love and supports the heart of our mission: Our Community, Our Family, Our Future. With this 501(c)(3) status, your support now goes even further—and is tax-deductible too!

As we prepare for opening day on Saturday, May 24th, we could really use your help. Our annual Spring Clean-Up Day is just around the corner, and this is our big opportunity to get the center looking its best. After a long winter, there's plenty of sprucing up to do—clearing debris, cleaning, refreshing common areas, and helping bring everything out of storage. Many hands make light work, and your help would mean so much.

A quick reminder: Membership dues are due by May 15. Staying current helps support ongoing improvements and keeps our community center running strong.

There's lots happening this month and next—be sure to check out the full newsletter to stay in the loop and see how you can take part. Thanks for being a part of what makes Old Church such a special place to call home.

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Upcoming Events Details for this month's fundraising events can be found in the Fundraisers Section

#### April 17

Fat Boy's Bar & Grill Spirit Day

#### April 19

Easter Egg Hunt for the Community by Harvest Chrisitan Fellowship

#### April 25

Swim Team In-Person Registration & Suit Fitting

#### April 25

Swim Team - Last Day for Early Bird Registration (\$110 first child, \$75 each additional child)

#### **April 26** Clean-Up Day

**May 19** Swim Team Practices Begin

#### Community Awareness HOW CAN YOU HELP?





# Kitchen Items Needed

If you've recently gone through your kitchen cupboards—or plan to soon we'd love to hear from you! The community center is in need of some replacement items, especially small appliances. If you have gently used kitchen items or appliances you'd be willing to donate, please let us know. Your donation could be just what we need!

### **Community Fundraisers** UPCOMING SPIRIT EVENTS TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Community Center Fundraising Events. Spirit night fundraisers are community events where a portion of the proceeds from purchases made during the event are donated back to the center. Your presence matters, and together, we can ensure the continued success of our community center. So, rally your neighbors, friends & family, in joining us as we work together to raise funds and celebrate the heart and soul of our community.



- Time: ALL DAY
- Location: 2 West Williamsburg Road, Sandston, VA 23150
- No receipt or flyer necessary, proceeds will be provided to OCCC



## 4th Annual Spring Pork Butt Fundraiser MARK YOUR CALENDARS

More information will be coming here shortly! We had such an interest in last years Spring Pork Butt Fundraiser that we even had a fall fundraiser. So mark your calendars, order information and pricing will be arriving soon. Pick-Up will be on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

If you've enjoyed them, please spread the word and let others know an opportunity is soon approaching!

# Old Church Otters Update IT'S 2025 REGISTRATION TIME

2025 summer swim is quickly approaching and the Old Church Otters are looking forward to another successful swim team season! We are excited to announce that our entire coaching staff will be returning, and planning for the season is already underway.

The OC Otters will host an in person registration event on April 25, 2025 from 5 - 7 PM in the OC Clubhouse. At this event, you can meet the coaches, ask questions about the upcoming season, get fitted for a swim team suit, and register your swimmers!

To learn more about the Otters, check out the team <u>handbook</u> that has been provided.

For additional inquiries, feel free to email Coach Courtney (Head Swim Coach) or Amy Owen (Swim Team Liaison) at <u>ocswimteam@gmail.com</u>.

Important Swim Team Dates & Links Full Details in Links

**April 25** 5 - 7 PM In-Person Registration & Suit Fitting

Last Day for Early Bird Registration (\$110 first child, \$75 each additional child)

May 16-17

Pork Butt Fundraiser

May 19 Practice Begins!

May 22 6 PM Parent Meeting for New & Returning Swimmers / Volunteer Sign Ups

**June 4** First Swim Meet



2025 Swim Team Calendar and Important Dates can be found <u>here</u>.

You can find this seasons Registration Form <u>here</u>.



Community, we are reaching out to you for your valuable support. We need your contribution to ensure the longevity and vibrancy of this cornerstone of our community for generations to come. Here's how:

- 1. Bringing in New Members
- 2. Seeking Sponsorships and/or Donors
- 3. Spreading the Word
- 4. Participating in Fundraising Events

What does this mean for you? A **10% discount off your 2026 annual membership dues**. Simply ask potential members or sponsors to list you on their forms to ensure you receive this benefit.

# Introducing Friends of Old Church

You may have read in past newsletters that we've been working toward forming a nonprofit to better support our beloved community spaces. We're excited to share that Friends of Old Church is now officially established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!

The mission of Friends of Old Church is dedicated to strengthening the Old Church community as a whole by preserving and enhancing the spaces where our families, friends, and neighbors gather, play, and connect. This new status means that all donations are now fully tax-deductible—benefiting both our generous supporters and the community as a whole.

We'll continue to recognize and thank our donors through advertising opportunities and other acknowledgments. If you would like to get involved, know of potential sponsor opportunities or have questions, please feel free to reach out directly to our President <u>Erica Desautels</u>.

# With Gratitude...

We also want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Community Center President for her incredible dedication over the past year. She led the way in initiating the formation of Friends of Old Church, pouring in countless hours of work—all for a community she joined not so long ago. Her commitment and leadership have been nothing short of inspiring.

Old Church truly is a diamond in the rough, and thanks to efforts like hers—and the support of so many of you—we're working hard to preserve what makes this place special for generations to come.



# Sponsors & Donors

With our new nonprofit, Friends of Old Church, your sponsorship or donation is now taxdeductible! Support the community and get recognized at the same time.

#### Our Mission BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY, NURTURING OUR FAMILY, SECURING OUR FUTURE

At Old Church Community Center, our mission is centered around the core values of 'Our Community, Our Family, Our Future.' We are dedicated to creating an inviting space where neighbors come together as one large family. Through our community center and pool, we aim to foster a sense of belonging, provide opportunities for shared experiences, and promote overall well-being.

Our commitment extends beyond today – we are invested in shaping a promising future for generations to come. By offering varied programs and a welcoming pool environment, we strive to empower individuals, strengthen family bonds, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of our community. Join us on this journey as we build, nurture, and secure the foundations of 'Our Community, Our Family, Our Future' at Old Church Community Center.

Thank you for reading!

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