

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



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About 40 members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church's congregation gathered Sunday to pack food for Rise Against Hunger. During the annual event, the church assembles thousands of meal packets containing rice, dried vegetables, spices and protein.

Piles receives Quilt of Valor

Arrowhead Beach resident honored for military service

BY STAFF REPORT

Andree Piles, of Arrowhead Beach, recently received a Quilt of Valor for his service in the United States Navy.

The quilt was presented Dec. 1 at his home. It was piece and bound by Maureen Durant and quilted by Judy Patrick, both of Grateful Threads of Elizabeth City.

Piles entered the service in January 1988. He served on the USS Barbour County LST-1195, USS McKee AS-41 and TWR-3, and was stations at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity in San Diego, California. In 1998, he transferred to Norfolk, Virginia, and served on the USS Klakring FFG-42 and US Kauffman FFG-59. From December 2001 until his discharge in June 2003, Price served at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Norfolk, while rising to the rank of E-5/EN2.

During his time in the service, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, four Sea Service Deployment ribbons, two Good conduct medals, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), two National Defense Service Medals, three Southwest Asia Service Medals, Navy Unity Commendation Medal, plus numerous other awards and achievements.

In 2001, Piles moved to Edenton after marrying Vicky Aylesworth. Andree has a daughter Tiffany, and Vicky had a daughter, Marilyn and son, Alan.

Catherine Roberts came up with the idea for Quilts of Valor in 2003. The foundation is a grassroots group of sewists and quilters from across



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Andree Piles, of Arrowhead Beach, wears a Quilt of Valor he received recently made by members of Grateful Threads in Elizabeth City.

America. Since then over 228,000 Quilts of Valor have been awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.

The foundation describes the quilt layers in this way:

■ The top of the quilt with its many colors, shapes and fabric represents the communities and the many individuals we are.

■ The batting, the filler, is the center of the quilt. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who received it.

■ The back is the strength that supports the layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, our communities and our nation.

■ Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude and sometimes tears of the maker.

modern glamour of the interior.

■ **108 W. Queen St.:** This 20th century home (circa 1919) described as "an impressively scaled residence" and a "most distinctive Bungalow style" has magnificent porches that are famous for large, and small, gatherings hosted by the owner, Mr. Bill Shultz.

■ **118 W. Queen St.:** A 20th century bungalow by builder Frank Fred Muth is now the 21st century home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones. As this is their first year in Edenton, this is the first time the owners' collection of quilts can be viewed.

■ **209 W. Queen St.:** Another 19th century home (1889), with a 20th century Colonial revival porch added about 1905, is graciously shared with the Tour by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Foreman. All the garlands and arrangements with the fresh greenery and flowers are made by Mrs. Foreman, a member of the Garden of Eden Club.

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their four daughters have established seasonal rituals seen throughout the multi-floored residence.

■ **110 Pembroke Circle:** Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spurr welcome you to their modifies Marine Corps officer's house built in 1944. Its cheerful exterior with welcoming red doors is perfect for welcoming Santa.

■ **111 Pembroke Circle:** Known for the addition of its beach, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Williford demonstrates the neighborhood's eight decades evolution to more modern construction. The home was built in 2004 and remodeled in 2017.

■ **208 S. Moseley St.:** This home's owner, Mrs. Marion DesJardins, shares her love of lavish Christmas decor throughout this 20th century home, built in the mid-1940s. The traditional brick exterior belies the

CHURCH BRIEFS

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Belvidere-Ryland Church of Christ

Belvidere-Ryland Church of Christ, of 307 Ryland Rd, Tyner, will have a candlelight service that starts at 5 p.m. Dec. 22. There will be refreshments following the service.

Edenton Baptist Church

Please join us Sundays during the season of Advent for Sunday school at 10:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. On Dec. 15, the Children's Musical will be held at 6 p.m. On Dec. 22 the Adult Choir will present "Lessons & Carols" at 11 a.m. A special Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. Edenton Baptist Church is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation, located at 200 S. Granville St.. For information, see our website www.edentonbaptist.org or call 482-3217.

Edenton Church of God

Edenton Church of God, 906 Johnston St., welcomes folks with Sunday school starting at 10 a.m. and worship service to start at 11 a.m. Feel the Holy Spirit as we share God's love.

Edenton UMC

The sights and sounds of Christmas are all around us. It's a beautiful season for most but for others, it can be a time of sadness. The colorful lights and songs of Christmas are a reminder of what has been lost. If you are facing the Christmas Season with sadness because of grief or brokenness for any reason, there is a place for you. Blue Christmas is a service especially designed to meet you where you are, acknowledging the sadness and offering comfort. You are invited to this special service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at Edenton United Methodist Church. The entrance will be marked with luminaries. All are welcome.

Edenton United Methodist Church, 225 Virginia Road, has Sunday services at 8:45-10 a.m. in the Family Life Center and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday School for all ages is at 10 a.m. each week. Nursery is available for all services. For info, call 482-3269.

Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church

Join us for services at 10:45 a.m.

Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church is at 1614 Virginia Road.

First Christian Church

Please join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for Bible Study and 11 a.m. for worship. 703A McMullen Ave., Edenton, in the Cotton Mill Village. We'll save you a seat.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Edenton, located at the corner of Mosley and West Queen streets, invites you to the congregation for Sunday worship. Sunday school is 10 a.m., with worship service following at 11 a.m. After the worship service, please stay for refreshments and a few minutes of fellowship. Our special Christmas service will start at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

Happy Home Church

Pastor Walter Byrum and the congregation of Happy Home Church invite you to join us in worship and fellowship on Sunday and Wednesday at 534 Happy Home Road in Tyner. For information, visit our website, www.hhchurch.me.

Liberty in Yahweh Worship Center

Liberty in Yahweh Worship Center, 2862 Virginia Road, Tyner, invites you to join us for Saturday services, starting at 10 a.m. For info, call 214-629-9540.

Macedonia Baptist

Join us at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1004 Macedonia Road, Edenton. Services are scheduled as follows: Sunday - Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m., Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Youth, 5:45 p.m., and Children in Action, 6 p.m.; Wednesday - Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Youth, 7 p.m.

Rocky Hock Baptist Church

Sunday morning worship time starts at 11 a.m. for the church at 113 Rocky Hock Church Road. Also, there is Sunday School for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m.

St. Anne Catholic Church

Weekend Mass Schedule - Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m. (Church Hall) - Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (Church Hall); 10 a.m. (Church); 12:30 p.m., Spanish (Church). Weekday Mass Schedule - Monday: 8:30 a.m., Communion Service (Church);

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church); Wednesday: 5 p.m., Rosary (Church); Friday: 8:30 a.m., Mass (Church). All Souls Mission Mass Schedule (Columbia) - Tuesday and Saturday: 7 p.m., bilingual Mass. All are welcome! For information, call the parish office, 482-2617.

St. George's Orthodox Church

To experience the older Eastern Christianity from the Holy Land, visitors are always welcome Saturday for 5 p.m. Great Vespers, and at Sunday 9:40 a.m. Prayers and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, in the historic St. George's Church at 212 E. Church St., Edenton. For information, call 482-2006 or email OrthodoxEdenton@coastalnet.com.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Please join us Sunday morning worship at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. Nursery is provided at the 11 o'clock service. Breakfast is served in the parish hall at 9 a.m. St. Paul's is at 101 W. Gale St. in Edenton. For information, call 482-3522 or visit www.stpedenton.org.

Shalom International

Shalom International Church at 701 A N. Broad St., Edenton, hosts Sunday prayer from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Sunday morning prayer service starts at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday intercessory prayer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday midweek empowerment starts at 7:30 p.m.

Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church is at 122 Warren Grove Road, Edenton; pastor, the Rev. Stacey D. Best Sr.

Whosoever Will Church of God

The Mother's Board of Whosoever Will Church of God in Christ, located at 4109 Walker Drive, will host an afternoon service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The speaker will be Minister Sydel Green. All are invited. Also, Sunday, Dec. 22, Whosoever Will Church of God in Christ will host its annual Christmas program entitled "A Most Unusual Christmas" under the direction of Elder Raymond Stadtmuller. The public is invited.

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