



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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## SUNDAY July 9, 2017

9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE

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### Bring a Friend to Church SUNDAY

July 16, 2017

9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE

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**OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** is up and running! To date, 60 people have pledged a total of **\$173,335** for the three years. It's still not too late to pledge. Please consider giving to this important three year campaign. If you requested Capital Campaign envelopes, they are available in the chapel. If you did not request any, but would like some, there are extras available.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Our Church Directory is currently being updated. Forms are available at the church to fill in your current info. You can also call or email the office at [church.office@pcwoodbury.com](mailto:church.office@pcwoodbury.com) with the names of your family members, address, phone number, cell phone number and email address.



From the Pastor....

The theology of our Presbyterian heritage is based on monumental work of John Calvin who lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, and along with Luther, brought in the Protestant Reformation. Calvin's teachings have guided the Protestant church for over 400 years and our Presbyterian theology embraced it with a passion. Yet Calvinism became a strict and often graceless expression of the gospel in many circles. It was a theology, when read in its strict interpretation, excluded many and painted a picture of the spiritual life as cold, pre-determined and judgmental. The acrostic T.U.L.I.P helped generations of Christians understand the main points of Calvin's teachings about the gospel, but because of the determinism inherent in this theological viewpoint, many Christians couldn't go along with it and at times, bloody battles were fought over Calvinistic claims.

Presbyterians today are still painted with the broad brush of Calvinism even though we've left strict adherence to the T.U.L.I.P doctrines behind. I'm asked at least monthly if we still believe in double predestination. (For those who don't know what that is, it's a logical outcome of believing that if some are predestined to be saved for heaven, then others are predestined to go to hell. Not a very flattering consequence of grace, is it? Back in the 90's, a professor at Union Seminary in Richmond wrote a little book that tried to make the 5 disputed points of Calvinism more acceptable to the modern church. Rev. Ben Lacy Rose did a great job of it and the book is one I turn to often.

Although I believe the 5 points are theologically valid and Scriptural, (after all I am a Presbyterian minister) I think it may be time to highlight more appropriate Presbyterian beliefs for the 21st Century using the acrostic T.U.L.I.P. and encouraging a kinder, gentler Calvinism.

Please join your church family as we learn about our theology and how we live out our faith today as Reformed followers of Jesus Christ:

- July 2 *Triune Love*  
1 John 4:7-19
- July 9 *Unselfish Election*  
John 3:16-17
- July 16 *Limitless Reconciliation*  
2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- July 23 *Inspiring Grace*  
Luke 6:37-38
- July 30 *Passionate, Persistent Saints*  
Romans 5:1-5, 12:1-2

*In Christ,  
Phil*



### THANK YOU!

*Dear Congregation at Woodbury Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you ALL for your beautiful cards and prayers during my surgery and recovery. I would also like to thank you for your cards and prayers in the passing of my mother. The support from our church was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Thanks again.*

*In Crist Love,  
Ed Parkin*

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION SERVERS:** Elder or Deacon volunteers are needed to serve Communion to our Homebound members. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel.

**ADULT ACOLYTES:** This summer adult volunteers are needed to serve as Acolytes during the worship service. Please see Milt Fredericks or call the church office if you would be able to help out.



## CUBA MISSION TRIP

November 6-14, 2017

There will be a mission trip to Cuba, this fall. We will be spending time with our sister church in Placetas. We will leave Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from Philadelphia airport, spend 7 days in Placetas, visit seminary in Matanzas, concluding our trip in Havana and return to Philadelphia on Tuesday, November 14. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship, education and worship with our brothers and sister in Cuba. Please see Wendy Kunz or Phil Oehler for more information.



## COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday,  
July 13, 2017  
5:30 P.M.



Join the church and  
community for a time of  
delicious food and  
fellowship!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for First Sunday's Beginners Class on August 6, September 3, and November 5 as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in 2018. If you can sign up for 1 or more Sundays, there is a sign-up sheet in the chapel.

**YOUTH SILENT AUCTION:** There are still items to be picked up and paid for. Please see or contact Brenda Boody at [stanleyboody@gmail.com](mailto:stanleyboody@gmail.com) for more information. Thanks.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** Several youth will be traveling to Virginia Beach from July 23 – 28 as part of the Youthworks Mission Trip. There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the chapel looking for prayer partners for the participants.

**G.W.C.M. FOOD BANK:** Even though summer vacation is upon us, the Food Bank never goes on vacation. Please remember to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring them to church on Sunday for those in need in our community.

**PORTABLE GRILLS** are needed for the Community Dinner on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The CD volunteers will be grilling in the church parking lot to provide a tasty dinner! If you have one that can be used that day, please contact the church office. Thank you!!

**DEACON'S MINISTRY:** The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with two of their ministries:

**Home Meals:** People are needed to make a meal for those that may need one due to surgery, illness, unforeseen circumstances, etc.

**Drivers:** People are needed to drive people to doctor's appointments, errands, etc.

*See a deacon, Milt or the church office for more information or to volunteer.*

♪ ♪ **A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR** ♪ ♪  
for providing us with beautiful music this year

Sue Beane

Lillian Carpenter

Karen DeLabar

Lynn Dickerson

Priscilla Flynn

Sally Hanna-Schaefer

Mari Ann Hill

Elena LeVan

Genie McGovern

Sandy Skinner

Nancy Webster

Kathryn Pepe

Scott Kintzing

Tad LeVan

Chip MacDonald

Andy Tighe

## Summer Study at Pitman Manor

There will be a summer Bible Study on the second and fourth Monday of June, July and August to read Adam Hamilton's "THE WAY: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" The study will meet on the fifth floor of the Manor at 10am followed by Dutch Treat Lunch at the Fireside Restaurant. Please join us for this six week summer study as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught and the roads he traveled.

July 10

Proclaiming the Kingdom: Mountains

July 24

Calming the Storm: The Sea of Galilee

August 14

Sinners, Outcasts, & the Poor: Samaria

August 28

The Final Week: Jerusalem

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Sue Welch (7/9) and Joyce Mixner (7/16)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dorothy Cobb, Emma Mustard, Ed Parkin, Marge Atkinson, Elsie Dahlstrom, Dorothy VanHorn, Megan Lolly, Alex Jenei, John Craig, Amelia Exley, Carla Coar and the family of Becky DiGati upon the death of her mother-in-law, Linda Payne. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JULY 9 - 15, 2017

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| Sunday:   | 9:30  | AM | Worship Service    |
| Monday:   | 10:00 | AM | Pitman Bible Study |
|           | 6:30  | PM | Girl Scouts        |
| Tuesday:  | 6:30  | PM | Cub Scouts         |
| Thursday: | 5:30  | PM | Community Dinner   |
|           | 6:30  | PM | Cub Scouts         |
| Saturday: | 9:00  | AM | Youth Pool Party   |

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