



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY
August 20, 2017

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE

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DIRECTORY

UPDATE: Our Church Directory is currently being updated. We are still

missing many pictures of members. If you have not had your picture taken yet, pictures will be taken the 2nd and 3rd Sunday in August. Find Fred Hills and get your pic taken!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, September
11
5:30 P.M.



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

TASK FORCES: The next meeting for task forces will be Monday, August 28th.

6:30 pm - Chairpersons meeting
7:00 pm - Task Force Meetings

THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA

Tyler Irelan and I led some of the church youth on a mission trip to Virginia. The youth that attended the trip are Maurice Darby, Veronika Bergen, Rebecca Brown, Kaylah Rothmiller, Nzingha Rothmiller, and Angelina Samanns. They travelled south to the small town of Melfa, Virginia. The demographic of the town was mostly immigrant farm workers, this was a culture shock for some of the students but they quickly adapted and many of them used the Spanish they learned in school to communicate with the community. Many times they would help me speak to the community members because I speak no Spanish.

The work portion of the trip consisted of cleaning siding, painting decks and railings, yardwork, visiting a nursing home, and Kids Club. The work at the nursing home started with morning exorcises and then talking to the residents and hanging out. The students would sit down with the residents and talk to them, something most of them don't get every day. Rebecca Brown had much patience on the trip because she sat with one of the residents who suffered from Alzheimer's. Becca sat with the women and she would tell the same story over and over, ask Becca who she was again and again, and constantly forget what she was supposed to be doing. On our last day at the nursing home it was water day; this is the day when the residents get to throw water balloons at the students and faculty of the building.

The Kids Club sight was a program run by youth works and it is very similar to vacation bible school. Kids of all ages from around the community would all get bussed to the church. After all of the kids were brought to the church the day started with storytelling. The students in charge of the station would choose two or three songs to sing and then they would choose a bible story to either read or act out. The kids would often sing at the top of their lungs and ask many questions about the bible. Our Woodbury students joined right in with them, they would sing and try to answer any questions the kids had and if they didn't have an answer they prayed with the student to find an answer.

When we were not on work sights we were still being very active. Each night we would go somewhere new and experience different parts of the community. One of the things that our students found a bit odd was that stores were not open past eight or nine at night. The one night we took them to Walmart and they were all surprised when the announcement over the loud speaker said they were going to be closing in ten minutes, the Walmart closed at ten. The different evening activities were the beach, different ice cream shops, a community cook out, and dinner at a community member's home.

Our students also did an amazing job socializing with the other churches on the trip. There were three total churches that week; Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church, a Presbyterian church from Franconia, Virginia and us. When we first arrived we clicked with Wenonah right away since many of the students already knew each other and the Franconia church was quiet and didn't really want to break away from what they knew. However by the end of the week, no one would have been able to know who belonged to what church. Students from all three churches meshed together into one big group. Our Woodbury students still talk to the Franconia students on a daily bases even though they are about seven hours apart from each other.

The trip was also a great time for Tyler and me to get to talk to other young adults who are fully involved in leading the youth of their church. Sometimes students feel like they are alone in their faith and sometimes people in our age group feel like we are the only people that are involved in teaching a youth group. We also used the time to create more personal bonds with students we don't see very often from our church and Wenonah. God was truly working through us throughout the entire trip because even though we were sleep deprived we managed to get through the week with a smile on our face and God in our hearts.

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Our students and volunteers are truly the hands and feet of God each and every day. Please feel free to ask any of the trip participants about the experience. They will be overjoyed to talk about what they experienced throughout the week and they will talk the ear off of an elephant.

We would also like to thank all of those that prayed for us before, during, and after the trip. Thank you for the messages telling us you're thinking of us or that you prayed for us at dinner. All of you are amazing and we see God in you! Thank you for allowing us to go on this trip and for supporting the youth of the church!

Brenda Boody
Interim Youth Director

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**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:
FALL BLOCK 1: COMMUNITY**

Contemporary North Americans must be feeling the need of it because everything from a TV sitcom to bank promotions, car dealers, and Facebook are offering it. We live in a world of gated "communities" for one demographic and the "World's Biggest Small Group" community for another. It seems that anything and everything remotely religious is now touting some form of "community". But what is it? What do we sense we are missing?

Koinonia (one form of New Testament Greek-speak for what we know as "community") is a rich and vibrant word that takes us far deeper into a place of holy relationship than any popular catch phrase ever will. *Koinonia* defines our life together in Christ's church – our relationship to the Triune God and our relationship to one another.

This Bible study will affirm with the Apostle Paul that, "...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all who is over all, and in all, and through all" – but what does that mean for the way we live? What do we owe each other as members of a community created in the providence of God? What is God's purpose for our community? How do we maintain, enjoy, and deepen that community?

You are invited to join us this Fall for a four week class about *Koinonia* – Community on Sunday mornings beginning at 11:00 am.

- September 17: Koinonia Unpacked
- September 24: Koinonia in the Triune God
- October 1: Koinonia at the Font and Table
- October 8: Koinonia in Relationships

NEEDED: The Women's Association is in need of cardboard jewelry boxes (tops and bottoms) for the rummage sale jewelry items. There will be a box in the chapel to drop off these items.

THE ROUNDTABLE PULPIT: There are two four-week sessions available - September 6, 13, 20, & 27 or October 4, 11, 18, & 25.

The Roundtable Pulpit is a group of lay people that meets each week with Dr. Oehler. The 4-week session will be held on **Wednesdays**, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm, to discuss the biblical text for the upcoming week's sermon. You do not need particular qualifications or need to be a biblical scholar to join. This is a chance to learn about sermon formation and how sermons function in the community. You will assist in widening the preacher's perspective, promoting collaboration and a public forum of theology in the pulpit. To register for the Fall 4-week session, please contact Phil. Feel free to pass this information along to others. PC@W members and non-members are welcome.

2¢ A MEAL will be collected the 3rd and 4th Sunday of this month. Donations collected are sent to the GWCM Food Bank.

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for First Sunday's Beginners Class on September 3, and November 5 as well as 1st Sundays in 2018. If you can sign up for 1 or more Sundays, please sign-up in the chapel.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Emma Mustard, Margaret Garcia, Jean Crabtree, Ed Parkin, Marge Atkinson, Elsie Dahlstrom, Dorothy VanHorn, Megan Lolly, Alex Jenei, John Craig, Amelia Exley, Carla Coar, and Harriet Crockett. 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: AUGUST 20 - 26, 2017

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Baptism
Monday:	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Leader's Meeting
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday:	10:00 AM	Pitman Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Chairperson's Meeting
	7:00 PM	Task Force Meetings
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion

RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017