



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY **July 25, 2021**

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

10:30 A.M.
Adult Church School Class

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SUNDAY **August 1, 2021**

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

10:30 A.M.
Adult Church School Class

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor at Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC joins us August 1. She has served churches in Ann Arbor, MI, Virginia Beach, VA, Prairie Village, KS and Madison Avenue, NY. Jenny lives with two dogs, tolerates cooking and is a self-proclaimed terrible gardener. Please welcome Jenny warmly!!



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From the Pastor...

I am blessed with many talented and wonderful clergy colleagues during my 27 years of ordained ministry. Pastors who have served in large churches, mid-sized churches and small churches. Ministers who have been Executive Presbyters, served at synod level and served as leadership in the General Assembly. I am thankful for all those who have taught me about grace, love and what it means to be the church - the body of Christ. Recently, Rev. Sean Chow, who is the associate for training and cohorts at 1001 Worshipping Communities, and a former member of the Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey, posted a reminder of what the church needs to focus upon especially as we move beyond this season of pandemic and into a liminal season:

Churches and worshipping communities too often long for what is missing. Is it families that another church is able to attract? Or maybe it is the charismatic pastor or the worship leader in the next town over? Or maybe the energy and connection another church has for the local community?

We long for what we don't have and envy what others have. This is having a deficit-based mindset or believing that what we are is not enough. Our worshipping communities are often too rooted in this. We need to look at it from another direction; that we are a glass half full.

Believing the you are a glass half full is the thought that we are blessed with everything we need. Perhaps it is not everything we want, but everything we need to live into being the church of God in our communities. Each of our gifts, partnerships, financial assets, physical spaces, and more can be used for that mission. In believing that our God is sovereign, how can we believe that God has not blessed our worshipping communities with enough?

Churches need to reevaluate the "assets" they have and organize those around their corporate values. Your church has everything that you need to fulfill the calling God has for your worshipping community.

I agree with Rev. Chow... we have everything that we need to fulfill the calling God has for our worshipping community. As we move towards September and a new way of being church, I hope that you will prayerfully consider how you might share your "assets" with the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury!

In Christ,
Phil



TRICENTENNIAL **CELEBRATION** **AUGUST THEME**

WEDDINGS AND **BAPTISMS**

Photos Needed: If you were married in the church, could you lend us a few wedding photos or memorabilia to put on display in the chapel for our 300th Anniversary Wedding Celebration? Items would need to be dropped off by August 1st.



**JUNE COVID PROTOCOLS
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT
WOODBURY**

The Session as of Friday, July 16, adopted the following protocols for Worship:

All fully vaccinated individuals do not have to wear a mask in worship or in gatherings within the church; though they may still choose to do so for personal reasons. It is assumed that those not fully vaccinated are expected to wear a mask.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Elders prayerfully discussed our protocols.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Nursery Care and Beginner’s Class starting in September. Please contact Kristen Franchetti if you are interested. Thank you!

FALL BIBLE STUDY:

The 60 and Over Tuesday Bible Study is planning to kick off a new study, Hollywood Jesus, by Matt Rawle on September 14 from 1-2 PM in the Adult Forum room. Any questions or to reserve a book, contact Milt Fredericks. The cost of the book is \$5.



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WOODBURY
PRAYER GARDEN**

As the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury prepares to celebrate its 300th Anniversary, George “Ben” Oehler will create a prayer garden on the northern side of the property as his Eagle Scout project.



The garden will be composed of a small retaining wall constructed of original church stones, biblical plants, a Greek oil jar water feature, and a memorial bench dedicated to Mrs. Muriel (Tooie) Tatham Craven. By beautifying this space, church and community members alike will have a quiet place to pray, contemplate, and connect with God. A Go Fund Me Page has been set up to help raise funds to complete this project. To donate, please click: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ben-oehlers-prayer-garden...>

You can also drop off or mail a check to the church. Please make out the check to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury and mark “Ben’s Garden” on the memo line or envelope. Thank you for helping Ben complete this Eagle Scout Project that celebrates The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury’s Tricentennial.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WOODBURY:

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
ELDERS		
Genie McGovern Donna Gabler Lori wadding	Don Tatham Wendy Kunz Karen Cruscillo	Eric Campo Dawn Witherspoon
DEACONS		
Grace Gomez Sue Welch Wendy Hill Rick Gabler	Becky DiGati Julie Farkas Colleen Seeburgh Marian Craig	Janet Dahmer Joyce Mixner Denise Campo Larry Diehlman, Jr. Sydney Sexton (Youth)
TRUSTEES		
Bob Roberts Bernie Carlson	Dale McIntyre Jules Farkas	Joe Federici Jesse Edick

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy Kunz, Joe Leone, Al Edwards, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.