



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY
October 24, 2021

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

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all AGES

SUNDAY
October 31, 2021

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

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all AGES

COMMUNITY DINNER
Thursday
November 11
5:30pm

The Community Dinner is up and running again! Everyone is welcome to come for a meal. Please call Grace Gomez (856) 470-0871 if you would like to come and volunteer your help.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

A couple of weeks ago, Pastor Phil and I did back-to-back sermons with the same title, Do Not Be Afraid. It was by coincidence, but in retrospect, we both felt it was needed and it worked. Again, by a coincidental occurrence, we are offering back-to-back newsletter articles relating to our 300th celebration and the path forward.

We celebrate so many big events in our life – a new job, graduations, marriages, an athletic or artistic performance; and we are truly caught up in the moment – but then, the inevitable questions always appear: What happens now? Where do we go from here? Yesterday was great, but what will tomorrow bring?

These questions now face us as a church; coming off an incredibly moving and emotional worship service, highlighted by musical offerings which touched every aspect of our souls.

The Brandenburg Concerto, The Anthem of Dedication, Shawn Kirschner's rendition of Take My Life and Let It Be (which was our commissioned piece), Arvo Part's Mirror in Mirror during communion, Gymnodie for the offering, and Here I Am Lord with piano, organ and strings to close in an energetic and passionate singing that shall stay with me forever.

Yes, we had the opportunity and the blessing to be a part of a very special

service, celebrating a very special anniversary; but we are not going to live in the past. We are going to move on – to the calling of Jesus to be his church for tomorrow and all the tomorrows to follow. We are going to take that infusion of energy and the Holy Spirit, to be the light of Christ for all.

We are going to be better neighbors, better servants, and better disciples; filled with the Spirit as we start to write the next paragraphs, pages and chapters in the book that is the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury.

Where do we go from here? Forward, in the footsteps of Christ. What happens now? Just wait and see, for the hope and prospect is truly glorious

Thanks be to God.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care

MASKS: Because of the current increase in COVID cases, Session is now recommending those in worship wear masks while in the building.



To Florence Hillman

FALL SUNDAY ADULT CLASS:

Dave Platt's Class, "Knowing Christ" Sundays, at 10:45 am. This 8-week series featuring 23-minute teaching by RC Sproul on the unique "I Am" statements of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. These include Jesus as: the bread...the light... the shepherd... the resurrection... the way...the truth... the life. Hopefully, a lively discussion will follow. Come join us on an enlightening journey.

Nursery And Beginners Classrooms:

We have decided to not offer Nursery and Beginners class on the first week of the month due to lack of volunteers. We are very short on help and have made the decision to have everyone stay in the sanctuary on communion/ first Sunday of the month. We are always looking forward to people coming together to help with the children of the church. If you would ever like to help out and volunteer see Kristen Connell-Franchetti.

CANCELLED: There will be **NO** Fall Rummage Sale this year.

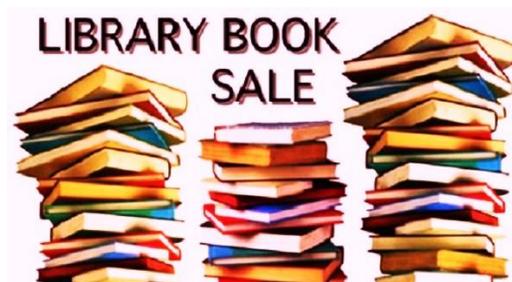
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ed Parkin, Dick Hill, Wendy Kunz, John 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.



HUGE BOOK SALE!!!

On November 14, 2021 there will be a book sale that will take place before and after church in the Chapel. There will be many great gently used books for adults and children. Proceeds go to the library fund to purchase new titles. Start your Christmas shopping here!



STEWARDSHIP: Stories are important. We share stories with family and friends on a regular basis. We enjoy reading stories. We watch movies that tell grand stories. We, also, all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough.

Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? Often, to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We so quickly want to avoid it. But we can reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story.

Over the next weeks, we will discern and share our money story. We must trust that our money story is valuable and redeemable. The hope is that through this season of reflection and sharing we gain clarity, seek healing, and release what has been suppressed or hidden away. Our narratives and beliefs shape our actions, as individuals and as a church family. Ultimately, my hope is that these four weeks will inspire us to give more faithfully of our time, talents and treasures and bring forth God's money story of liberation and healing for all.

Oct. 24 Release Matt 19:16-22: A wealthy man seeks eternal life
Oct. 21 Reimagine Mark 12:38-44: The widow's mite
Nov. 7 Restore John 21:1-14: Jesus appears to the disciples
Commitment Sunday

Please join us as we begin sharing God's money story and are reminded of the Lord's gracious gifts!