

Announcements for August 13– August 20

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 17

Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 24

Luke 13:10-17; Jeremiah 1:4-10

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary>.

UPCOMING Events

August 13—Outreach Committee, 6:00pm
Property Committee, 7:00pm
August 17—Backpack Blessing, during worship
Sunday Lunch, FH, 11:15am
Youth Group Kickoff, after lunch-1:30pm
August 19—Blood Drive, FH, 11:00am-5:00pm
August 20— Finance Committee, 6:00pm
Communication Committee, 7:00pm
August 24—Communion Sunday
September 1—Office Closed, Labor Day
September 7—Lift Kick Off
September 27—Churchwide Theater Night, 7:30pm



Blessing of the Backpacks As we get ready for back to school, all of our students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship Sunday, August 17, for a special blessing for the upcoming year.

YOUTH NEWS

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us for our Youth Group Kickoff event, Sunday, August 17th. We will be serving the congregational lunch. Youth who are available before worship may meet in the kitchen from 9:30 - 10:00 to help get some of the setup started like mixing the drinks and putting together the salad. We will leave during the last hymn to get set up for lunch. Youth will also be in charge of cleanup at the end of lunch. Then we will gather to play games, do some getting to know you activities, and brainstorm ideas for our program year. Parents can pick youth up at 1:30.

JOIN US
FOR LUNCH!

ALL are welcome to join us for Sunday Lunch on August 17 after the 10:00am worship service in the Fellowship Hall for a time for food and fellowship. Pizza and salad will be served by our youth. There is no cost; however, donations are always welcome.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE begins September 7



9:00 AM **LIFT - Living in Faith Together**
1st Sundays
all ages together
2nd - 5th Sundays
age-level classes for children
topic series for youth and adults

10:00 AM **Community Gathering**
coffee and fellowship in the
ed building lobby and churchyard
warm-up rehearsals for musicians

10:30 AM **Worship**
in-person in the sanctuary,
livestreamed via YouTube

AFTER
WORSHIP **Covenant Choir (Children)**
Youth Choir
3rd Sunday Lunch

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The movie club will discuss the movie "Juror #2" (Amazon) on **Wednesday, August 20**, 10 AM in the Middle House. Bring your own drinks and/or snacks. Contact Karen Johnson if you have any questions, (540) 621-5685, ksjohnson422@msn.com.

Churchwide Theater Night, Saturday, September 27 Join us for a riveting thriller, *Dial M for Murder*, Klein Theater, UMW, 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$21 which you will pay directly to Karen Johnson. We will have a potluck of sweet and savory nibbles beforehand at Karen and David Johnson's house, 1104 Douglas Street, starting at 5 PM. Contact Karen, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685, if you would like to attend.

Suppers for Seven—Want to get to know your congregation better? Join Suppers for Seven. How can you get involved? You sign up, single or couple, and we will match you with others from the congregation to make groups of 7 to 8 people. Your group then organizes for dinners together which can take place in the home or in restaurants. Your group can decide whether to do potluck or have each host provide the meal. It's a great fellowship opportunity. Sign ups will be following worship during September.

Sanctuary Flowers—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, pshumes1@gmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00.



Lectionary Lunch —Join us every Thursday in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.

MISSION/OUTREACH



Brownies are needed for the Community Dinner on Saturday, August 16th. Please drop off the brownies at the church on Friday, August 15th or Saturday after 2:30PM. If you come on Friday, the door will be locked. Please call the office for access to the building. If you have questions or would like to help at the dinner, contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685.

Give the gift of life! Sign up for our next blood drive!
August 19, 11:00 am—5:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

To be a part of this lifesaving mission, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter FredericksburgPresbyterian (all one word) for the sponsor code. Don't forget to encourage your family members, friends, and co-workers to join you! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn at 540 370-1646 or lkbrab@verizon.net.

Rebuilding homes, lives upended by Helene

Volunteers are encouraged to join in a rebuilding mission trip to the Asheville, NC-area on Nov. 2-8 to help residents who are still recovering from Hurricane Helene last September. Record-breaking rainfall and devastating winds took the lives of 107 people and destroyed or damaged homes, highways and bridges in western North Carolina.

Emergency crews have worked tirelessly to help storm survivors and restore much of the infrastructure. Help is now needed in the rebuilding phase. Teams from The Presbyterian Church and St. Matthias United Methodist are forming to work on projects identified by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Anyone can participate. You do not need to be a carpenter or electrician or plumber to contribute. Helpers are needed just as much as craftsmen and tradesmen.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Barry Jones or Steve Spratt to learn more and get added to the team's email list. We will have a planning meeting in the fall to further iron out the details with additional information. Barry may be reached at bjones@mcqinc.com, Mobile: 540-903-6320, Home: 540-775-5729 or Steve at sprathomeimprovements@gmail.com or 540-840-2230.