Announcements for August 20- August 27

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 24

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 31

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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



August 20— Finance Committee, 6:00pm Communication Committee, 7:00pm

August 24—Communion Sunday

August 27—Personnel Committee, 7:00pm

September 1—Office Closed, Labor Day

September 4—Music rehearsal resumes

September 7—Lift Kick Off

September 27—Churchwide Theater Night, 7:30pm



This Sunday's worship will include the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served by intinction at the front of the sanctuary and in the balcony.

Our bread will be gluten-free as we share in one loaf together as the body of Christ. All are welcome to share in the joyful feast of the people of God.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes,



<u>pshumes1@gmail.com</u>. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00.

SCHEDULE begins September 7

W SUNDAY



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



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.



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.



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 spratthomeimprovements@gmail.com or 540-840-2230.



SEASON OF CREATION

a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

Sunday Mornings in September

8:15 am Morning Prayer in the churchyard

a contemplative time of prayer and liturgy celebrating creation: Ocean, Fauna, Storm, Cosmos

10:30 am Worship in the sanctuary

a traditional service exploring the lectionary texts and 2025 theme: "Garden of Peace"

Friday, October 3, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals

at the corner of Princess Anne St and George Street

During the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4), we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. This year, in addition to exploring creation themes in worship, we will start each Sunday in September with an opportunity for prayer and reflection together outside and offer a community Blessing of the Animals alongside First Fridays downtown. For more information, including an invitation to an online Prayer Service for Creation Day on September 1, visit www.seasonofcreation.org.