

# Announcements for August 27– September 3

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 31

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

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 7

Philemon 1:1-7; Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

### UPCOMING Events

**August 27**—Personnel Committee, 7:00pm  
**September 1**—Office Closed, Labor Day  
**September 3**—CE Committee, 6:00pm, Conf. Rm  
 Fellowship/Hospitality Committee, 6:00pm, FH  
 Worship Committee, 7:00pm, FH  
**September 4**—Music rehearsal resumes  
**September 7**—Lift Kick Off  
**September 14**—LIFT Classes begin, 9:00am  
**September 27**—Churchwide Theater Night, 7:30pm

### LIFT Kickoff Breakfast

Join us on September 7 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast (provided by the CE Committee). Adults and Youth will hear about class offerings for the fall. All classes begin September 14.

**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](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com), (540) 621-5685, if you would like to attend.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE begins September 7



9:00 AM **LIFT - Living in Faith Together**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays  
 all ages together

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lunch**

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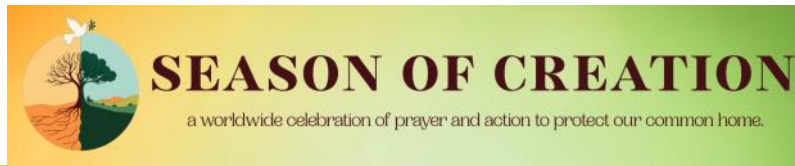
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**Lectionary Lunch** —Join us every Thursday in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.



The movie club will discuss the 2022 movie "The Quiet Girl" (Amazon Hulu) on **Wednesday, September 17, 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](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com).

**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Returning members, newcomers, friends, and guests are welcome at our weekly bible study starting on Thursday, Sept 11 at 9:30 am in the first floor classroom of the Middle House. Fellowship and refreshments start at 9:30 am and we open our bibles for reading, discussions, questions (and maybe answers) from 10:00 -11:30 am. We seek to understand and explore what it means to apply the message of Scripture. "Be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers," says the writer James (1:22). May it be so for all of us! And may it be that by doing the Word, we will fight a little less and love a little more. Contact Debe Garrison ([garrison.debe@gmail.com](mailto:garrison.debe@gmail.com)) or Nancy Raines ([nraines12@hotmail.com](mailto:nraines12@hotmail.com))



### 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](http://www.seasonofcreation.org).



**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](mailto:pshumes1@gmail.com). The cost of the flowers is \$70.00.



**Micah Ecumenical Ministries Golf Tournament**  
Peace United Methodist Church is hosting the fourth Annual Micah Ecumenical Ministries Golf Tournament on October 13. The registration deadline is Monday, September 29. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## MISSION/OUTREACH

### 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. 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. Barry may be reached at [bjones@mcqinc.com](mailto:bjones@mcqinc.com), Mobile: 540-903-6320, Home: 540-775-5729 or Steve at [spratthomeimprovements@gmail.com](mailto:spratthomeimprovements@gmail.com) or 540-840-2230.

**Musical Opportunity for the Monthly Community Dinner**—Musicians (instrumentalists/singers) wanted to provide background music for the monthly Community Dinner (3rd Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00). Doris Johnson could be available to provide piano accompaniment, if needed. The guests appreciate the congenial atmosphere that music provides. Stacy Whalen has brought her piano students for a 'low stress recital' for them and their parents! Dessert is provided! Please text or email Doris Johnson if this volunteer opportunity interests you: [dorislamarada@gmail.com](mailto:dorislamarada@gmail.com) or 218-590-5115.



**Blood Drive  
Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves for our blood drive on August 19. Your act of kindness is a reminder of the incredible impact that each person can have when they choose to give back to others. Because of your selflessness and dedication to helping others we collected 24 pints of blood that could save up to 72 lives in our community!

Once again, thank you for your generosity, compassion, and commitment to making the world a better place.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Linda Benn