

Announcements for October 1– October 8

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 5

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 12

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 17:11-19

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



This Sunday is World Communion Sunday! Our worship will remember our connections with Christians around the globe and include the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served by elders to the congregation seated in the pews. The elements will be served separately, and worshipers are invited to consume them in a moment of personal prayer or hold them until all have been served so we may partake together. Our bread is gluten-free as we share in one loaf together as the body of Christ. All are invited to share in the joyful feast of the people of God.

UPCOMING Events

October 1—CE Committee, 6:00pm, Conf. Rm.
Fellowship/Hospitality Committee, 6:00pm, FH
Worship Committee, 7:00pm, Art Room
October 3—Blessing of the Animals, 5:00-8:00pm
October 4—Church Cleanup Day, 8:00am-noon
October 5—World Communion Sunday
October 7—Pints & Parables, 6:00pm, 1781 Brewery
October 8—Outreach Committee, 6:00pm, Art room
October 13—Office closed Federal holiday



Church Cleanup Day—Please join the church Garden Grounds Group for a clean-up day on Saturday October 4 (rain date October 11).

We will be weeding, mulching and pruning from 8am until we are finished, usually around noon. Come anytime during that time that you are able! Bring your own favorite tools, gloves and water. Contact Piper Foresman or Gaye Copley if you have questions.

**Join us this Sunday for All Ages LIFT
in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am.**



The Session has called a **congregational meeting** for Sunday, October 12 immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee to elect a deacon to fill a vacant unexpired term for the class for 2027. The nominee's biography and a meeting reminder will be sent via e-mail in advance of the meeting.

Join us for Godspell—Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord for an unforgettable experience full of All Good Gifts where we'll witness a Beautiful City created by a moving performance. Please join us at 2:00pm on November 16 for a matinee performance of *Godspell* at the Klein Theatre at the University of Mary Washington.

We know that to Learn Your Lessons Well and secure All For The Best seats at \$21.00, you will need to act fast. You won't want to miss this Light of the World. Don't be the one to say, "Alas for You," because you missed it!

We will be taking reservations during the Community Gathering before Sunday worship, or you can reserve your ticket by contacting Scott Fischer at VaNavigator@msn.com or 540-899-6064. We Beseech Thee to sign up by Sunday November 2 if you want to Save the People and join us for this incredible show.

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Pints and Parables—Join us for Pints and Parables at 1781 Brewing and Wilderness Run Winery, Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:00pm. There is no need to prepare anything as discussions about a parable are informal. Enjoy fellowship and fun, and perhaps a pint.



The movie club will discuss the 1980 movie "Ordinary People" (Amazon and other sites) on **Wednesday, October 15**, 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.

Neverending Circle is meeting at noon on Sunday, October 5 for light lunch and a discussion of Horizon Bible Study's Lesson 2 - "Mary of a Certain Village". The meeting is at the home of Debe Garrison, 210 Hardwood Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22408.

Blessing of the Animals – The Season of Creation culminates as we remember St. Francis of Assisi and his love for God's creatures. Bring your four-legged, winged, scaly, and or shelled companions on Friday, October 3 anytime between 5 and 8 pm to receive a blessing on the corner of Princess Anne and George Streets and engage our community during First Friday events. All animals are welcome. Pictures are welcome of our animal friends who don't travel well but would still like a blessing.

Calling all animal lovers! We are looking for volunteers to help with the Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. If you are willing to spend 30 minutes or more greeting our furry friends and community, please contact Rev. Elizabeth at emilford@fredericksburgpc.org or by calling the church office.

Outreach

Opportunities to share your gifts

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Current opportunities to serve our community:

- Micah Grab and Go Lunch making (monthly) and distribution (weekly on Fridays)
- Packing or delivery of weekend food bags for Fredericksburg City Public School Students through Spreading Smiles (weekly Wednesday/Thursday). Sign up at <https://pointapp.org/orgs/5871>.
- Community Dinners in Fellowship Hall (monthly on the third Saturday)

Upcoming opportunities include Thanksgiving Boxes and Micah Cold Weather Shelter. Learn more during our Community Gathering time, after worship, or contact Outreach elders Jim Toler (jimtoler80@gmail.com) or Lewis Lowery (all@loweryplc.com).

Supporting Spreading Smiles (and School Dressing Days)—If you're looking for a night filled with gourmet food, exquisite wines, and the chance to make a real difference in your community, mark your calendars for **October 19, 20, and 21**. The **Sip & Smiles Wine Dinner**, (non-alcoholic option available) hosted at **Ristorante Renato** in Fredericksburg, is more than just an indulgent dining experience—it's a celebration of flavor and philanthropy.

Each ticket is **\$165 per guest (gratuity included)**, but what makes this event truly special is the impact behind every seat at the table. Your attendance helps support **Spreading Smiles**, a local nonprofit providing **meals, coats, and shoes** to children in need. In fact, just one ticket can provide:

- **A warm new coat**
- **A pair of shoes**
- **A month of weekend meal bags for a child**

By joining, you're not only treating yourself to an unforgettable evening—you're also wrapping a child in love, warmth, and hope.

Seats are limited for this exclusive dining event. Don't miss your chance to enjoy an extraordinary evening of food, wine, and giving back to the community. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Reserve your spot: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLHFGQ0SE1D7E/checkout/5DFIKKNH2GQULGGFCPL44LDY>