

Announcements for September 24– October 1

Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 28

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Isaiah 32:14-18

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 5

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

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

UPCOMING Events

September 24—Personnel Committee, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

September 27—Churchwide Theater Night, 7:30pm

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



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. You are welcome to take the flowers with you, or our deacons will arrange for them to be taken to members who are home-centered or recovering from surgery or illness.



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.

SUPPERS FOR SEVEN

Email Signups available for online viewers

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 dinners together which can take place in the home or in restaurants. It's a great fellowship opportunity. Sign ups will be outside following worship. Let us know if you would prefer a lunch only group or need transportation. If you are unable to sign up in person, please email Elizabeth Rehm (elirehm@gmail.com).

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

LIFT Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints—On September 28, our group will discuss the story of Wangari Maathai. The read ahead can be downloaded from Realm. Please look under the Realm section on Groups to The Presbyterian Church Group. Look within the group and you see tabs on the top of the page. Select the resources tab and you will see the downloaded file for Wangari Maathai. Also, feel free to search the green belt movement on your tablet or desktop. If you have any questions contact Jerry Zekert, email jzekert@comcast.net phone 540-847-5246.

Pints and Parables—Join us for Pints and Parables at 1781 Brewing and Wilderness Run Winery, Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:00pm for discussions 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.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - Returning members, newcomers, friends, and guests are welcome at our weekly bible study 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) or Nancy Raines (nraines12@hotmail.com)

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.

Season of Creation: 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

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. I 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).

Planning ahead for the Nov. Mission trip

More than 25 volunteers from The Presbyterian Church and St. Matthias United Methodist Church in Stafford have signed up to travel to the Asheville, NC-area on Nov. 2-8 for a rebuilding mission trip to help residents still recovering from Hurricane Helene last September.

A planning meeting for the trip will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 11:45 a.m. in the second-floor Conference Room in the Education Building.

Anyone can participate. Helpers are needed as much as carpenters and other skilled workers. The trip is organized through Presbyterian Disaster Relief and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

To sign up or get more information before Sept. 28, contact Barry Jones at bjones@mcqinc.com, 540-903-6320 or Steve Spratt at spratthomeimprovements@gmail.com, 540-840-2230.

Participants may also attend the meeting by Zoom at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692548800?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692548800?pwd=wRaMreHSQQnLQuRQYMqnsVQmE9ye59.1)

[pwd=wRaMreHSQQnLQuRQYMqnsVQmE9ye59.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692548800?pwd=wRaMreHSQQnLQuRQYMqnsVQmE9ye59.1) Meeting ID: 856 9254 8800, Passcode: 92825 or 540-840-2230.



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.