WoodsChips
August 2019
Ministry of Hope,
Malawi
Mission Trip
Adult Education Classes

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Classes
Men’s Bible Study (Founders Room)
Women’s Bible Study (Office Conference Room)

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Class
Adult Bible Study (Office Conference Room)

Sundays 11:00 a.m. Class
The 11:00 Sunday Adult Education Class is on hiatus and will resume in the fall.

Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. Class
Pastor’s Bible Study
Join Dr. Susan DeWyngaert and The Rev. Marie Sheldon as we consider each of the scripture readings in advance of the Sunday when it will be presented in worship, thus giving us a new understanding of scripture, and enhancing our worship experience.

Worship at Woods
8:00 a.m. - Communion Service
9:30 a.m. - Traditional Service
11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. service and periodically throughout the year at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

The nursery (infants through age two) is open during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Do you have questions, comments or submissions for Woods Chips?
Email info@woodschurch.org
Co-ed Softball

The Greater Severna Park Co-ed Church Softball League GSPCCSL) is once again entering their Spring Season. Congratulations because you already made the team! We want everyone to play but you can come and just cheer for Woods. No experience required! Qualifications Include; you must bring a smile, and be at least 16 years of age by December 31, 2019. No full-time commitment is necessary; come for however many games you’d like! If you are interested, contact Andrew Wiley (443.867.8803, wileyas1@gmail.com). If you might be thinking… “The GSPCCSL sounds very legit... Am I good enough to participate?” if so, you are asking the wrong Question. The correct question is... "Why would anyone pass up a chance to play co-ed church softball?" It’s fun!

Service of Wholeness

Join us Wednesday, August 21 at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary as we focus on God’s power for healing and wholeness in our lives. Wood’s service of Healing and Wholeness reminds us that God wants us to be whole in every area of our lives. Jesus came to deliver people from the despair of our sin-sickness and he demonstrated that reality by supernatural power and signs of healing on many occasions. Then he left his church with that power to heal. As Christians, we know that God is still healing our brokenness – in many places of our bodies, relationships and lives. So we are bold to ask God for healing according to James 5:14-16. If you have any need for healing in your life, be bold to ask God for it, and let others join you in the asking. Services of Wholeness with pastors and elders are small, intimate, deeply spiritual gatherings of prayer and the laying on of hands. They offer reassurance to those experiencing grief, illness, loss, or other physical/emotional concerns. The services also provide a special time to lift prayers of gratitude to God for blessings received. If you would like to attend the August Wholeness Service, please email Maureen Adams at madams@woodschurch.org.

New Member Class

If you’d like to learn about membership here at Woods Church and/or you are a regular attender who has not yet joined, we invite you to sign-up for our New Members class Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Founder’s Room and prayerfully consider joining our church family. Class attendance is required for membership. A dinner with elders will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Founder’s Room. With your introduction to the congregation on Sunday, September 22 at either the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service. Contact Rachel Lunde at rlunde@woodschurch.org for more information.
On August 25, we invite educators of Anne Arundel County and our church programs to Sunday morning services so they may be both honored and blessed as they begin the school year. Many public and private school systems have the Presbyterian Church as their founder and source, and we continue to be people dedicated to the life of the mind as one of the chief ways to honor God. Therefore, we have chosen to affirm education and educators as a holy and honorable vocation.

Please join us as we honor educators at the 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m., worship service on Sunday, August 25 for the worship of God and the blessing of our educators. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall between services beginning at 10:30 a.m.
Mission Opportunities

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

♦ Thursday, August 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: **Harundale Free Lunch**. Volunteer to help feed the hungry. You can also volunteer the third Monday or fourth Saturday of the month. Sign up at woodschurch.org/missions or contact Dick Moore at irpmoore@verizon.net.

♦ *Wednesday, August 7, 7:15 pm: **Missions Ministry meeting** newcomers welcome. Devotion starts at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary and the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in Founder’s Room.

*At Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church

Back Pack Supplies for Tyler Heights Elementary School

By Bill Hadley and Karen Hall

Each year, Woods Church provides a large number of back packs filled with a wide variety of articles for students at Tyler Heights Elementary School in Annapolis. These articles range from pencils, crayons, glue sticks, erasers, tip markers and scissors to highlighters, pencil cases, composition books, sticky notes, and plastic pocket folders with prongs. These are put together separately for girls and boys—depending on their gender and grade needs—from kindergarten to fifth grade. Last year, we put together some 50 of these back packs for Tyler Heights.

This year, Karen Hall of the Missions Ministry has graciously volunteered to be in charge of this program. On Sunday, August 4, through Sunday, August 18, Karen and other members of the Missions Ministry will be on hand in Fellowship Hall with detailed requirements for the students at Tyler Elementary. She will have sign-up sheets for those interested in donating the needed student items. Karen and her colleagues also will be in charge of collecting the back packs and ultimately delivering them to Tyler Heights by the end of August so they are available for the start of the school year. We strongly encourage all interested parties to contribute to this important program.
**Here's Your Chance to Help in the Border/Migrant Crisis.** Baltimore Presbytery and Woods Church have an important partnership with The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA). October 14 - 20, 2019 a group from Maryland will be traveling to Guatemala. The theme will be **The Migrant Crisis: Root Causes/Christian Responses.** We have a Presbyterian mission co-worker there in Guatemala City who will work with us and accompany us on this venture. The cost will be approximately $1,500 and application and down payment will be due mid-August. Contact Sher Atkinson, sheratkinson@earthlink.net for more information. Do consider joining us.

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**Music Ministry**

**Getting the Youth Band Back Together!**

Calling all Middle School and High School instrumentalists and singers! We will be starting our youth band back up in the fall of 2019, and we need you! The Seek Band will lead in worship during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services throughout the church year, and for special events. The Seek Band is a perfect outlet to not only fine tune your craft, but to use your gifts to glorify God. Our weekly rehearsals are: Thursdays from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Our first rehearsal is on September 12. For any questions please reach out to David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.
Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is coming up! We will have four evening shows on October 3 - 6 at 7:30 p.m. with one daytime show on October 5 at 2:00 p.m. You can purchase your ticket now at [www.woodstix.org](http://www.woodstix.org), cost is $10.00. For questions please email David at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

Woods Music Theater Camp

Presents

Children of Eden Jr.

This week we have been hosting the Woods Music Theater Camp and look forward to performing this year's show _Children of Eden Jr. - Act 1_ to all our friends and family. _Children of Eden Jr. - Act 1:_ is the beautiful story of Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel, with a message about God’s never-ending love for us, focusing on the importance of family. This year’s show will be held on August 2 and 3, for FREE at 7:30 p.m. in the Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. If you need additional information contact David at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

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“Welcome to Our Neighborhood” - Summer Sunday School 2019

Join us in Zimmerman Hall on August 11 between services as we share our Summer Sunday School Program: Welcome to Our Neighborhood. The Children’s Sunday school has been working hard to build our neighborhood and they invite you to see what they have done. As we have explored the word neighbor and hospitality we have been creating our neighborhood including Woods Church, a homeless shelter and a fire station to name a few. Grab a cup of coffee and a bagel in Zimmerman on August 11 and let us welcome you to our neighborhood.

Summer Sunday school ends on August 11. This provides us a special time for parents to worship with their children. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. We ask that older children sit with their parents and participate in the worship service. Worship bags are available at the back of the sanctuary to help children engage more in the service and or come a few minutes early and check out a Bible Story book from the library. We learn to worship by worshipping with others. Please give parents an encouraging smile as we all help to teach our children how to worship God.

Mark Your Calendar for the Big Event on September 14 and 15. Lisle (pronounced Lyle) Gwyn Garrity artist, pastor, retreat leader and creative entrepreneur will be leading a retreat for seven year olds through older adults on Saturday, August 14 and will be painting during our worship services on Sunday, August 15. As an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she approaches her work as an artist primarily through the lenses of pastor and theologian. Look for registrations more details coming soon. If you have questions please contact Holly Albrecht, Director of Family Life.

Tithe Your Garden fresh produce is an expensive part of anyone’s grocery bill. If your family struggles with food insecurities fresh produce is probably one of the first things to go. We all know how important the nutrients found in vegetables and fruits especially to growing children. The Families with Children Ministry wants to encourage you to tithe your garden or the produce you pick up at the local farmers’ markets. If everyone gives 1/10 of their produce we can help improve the health of our neighbors. All produce will be given to S.P.A.N. or the Light House Shelter. The Children’s Sunday school has donated twenty four pounds of fresh produce to S.P.A.N. Please continue to help us fill the basket with your tithes of cucumbers, tomatoes and other fresh vegetables. Last year we gave over 100 pounds of produce away!
**Sunday worship** is the weekly gathering of the family of God. At Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church we grow in faith and serve Christ in many age groups and interest groups, but every Sunday we worship together as God's gathered people. Because it is important to us that we all worship God together, we...

- Offer children’s bulletins and worship bags to help children participate more fully in the worship service.
- Provide large print bulletins and hymnals for those who need them.
- Have easily accessible seating for those who bring wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.
- Provide opportunities for children, youth and adults to participate in worship leadership.
- Provide space for anyone who needs an escape from the big group during worship. In the Comfort Room you can settle a coughing jag in peace or meet the needs of a crying child. The Comfort Room provides a space where you can hear, watch and fully participate in the worship service in a more comfortable setting.

We continue to strive to be inclusive of all God’s children, young and old. We aren’t perfect but we are glad that you are here. Please let the ushers know if you have any needs during our worship services.

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**Faith-In-Action Mission Camp**

The Faith-In-Action Mission Camp for third through fifth graders was amazing! Through Bible study, games and service opportunities these young people were truly disciples in our community. This three-day camp was filled with hard work and lots of laughter.

Day 1: We sorted and boxed the books collected in Vacation Bible School for the lending library at Knox Presbyterian Church in Baltimore and made sixty Care Packages for the Light House Shelter. We weeded, harvested and watered our Sunday School Garden. We organized and re-supplied worship bags for children to use during our worship services.

Day 2: We went to Langton Green Community Farm to socialize with the animals that are being trained to be therapy animals. We petted goats, talked to pigs and held chickens…lots and lots of chickens. We also visited with the chickens that we hatched this spring. You’ll be happy to know our six chickens continue to hang out together!

Day 3: We served lunch at Harundale Presbyterian Church’s Soup Kitchen. There wasn’t a person that walked into the dining room that didn’t feel welcomed, appreciated and well served. There is nothing like having fifteen different kids ask if they can get you something!

A special thank you to our adult and youth leaders Beth Hadley, Bill Hadley, Phyllis Hatcher, Amanda Mays, Collin Mays, Julia Putzi, Mia Putzi and Sarah Dziennik.
Vacation Bible School

We traveled to Mars and Beyond with one hundred children and fifty+ volunteers with Vacation Bible School. Through music, crafts, games, Bible stories, science experiments and lots of fun we explored how God moves us beyond what we can imagine with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness and hope! Many thanks to the adult and youth volunteers that made this week so special! Thank you to the children who contributed 443 children’s books for Knox Presbyterian Church’s lending library and several boxes of blankets, stuffed animals and pajamas for children experiencing homelessness or in the foster care system in Anne Arundel County.
**Session Highlights**

At the regular meeting of Session in July:

- Approved the baptism of five children.
- Discussed plans for Kick-Off Sunday, September 8, 2019.
- Approved the session ministry assignments.
- Welcomed Jacob Snowden to Woods along with his wife Sarah and their daughter.
- Families with Children had money approved for the Big Event on September 14 and 15. PC(USA) Pastor Lisle Gwen Garritty will facilitate an intergenerational faith based workshop on September 14 for ages 7 and up to adult. On September 15, Lisle will "paint a Mural" of the sermon at all three services.
- The 2019-2020 Operating budget was approved.
- Heard from Bob Royer, from the Property Ministry, reported that the Town Hall Meetings and surveys for the feasibility of launching a capital campaign were well attended and the response of the congregation has been positive regarding the capital improvements.
- Decided not to seek an Interim Director of Missions and Communications but to proceed with filling the position with a permanent person.

**Employment Opportunity at Woods**

Woods Memorial Church has a staff opening for a part-time custodian. Twenty four (24) hours per week. Flexible schedule that includes Sunday hours. This position works with a team to perform standard custodian responsibilities, including building maintenance, building security, and food preparation and service. Position requires the ability to work independently. For more information and to apply, please go to [www.woodschurch.org/positions](http://www.woodschurch.org/positions).

**The Love and sympathy of the congregation** *

- Lib DeRosa, on the death of his wife, Carol
- Randy and Dorothy Fisher, on the death of son and brother, Thomas Fisher
- Burt Jackson, on the death of his mother, Dorothy Jackson Lee
- Family and friends of Jerry Rensch

**Congratulations for our newborns** *

- Barb and Jay Vrable, on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Rae Kiewitt

*Information is current as of July 26, 2019*