Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
611 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

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

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.
Please Welcome Pastor Jacob Snowden!

Jacob will be joining Woods staff soon and will assume his duties as Associate Pastor for Christian Formation on Tuesday July 16. Jacob, his wife, Sara and almost two-year-old daughter Gwyneth will be moving to the Severna Park area very shortly from Abilene, TX where Jacob has served for the past eight years as Director of Christian Education at the First Central Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) of Abilene.

His duties at Woods will be to oversee the Christian education ministry for adults, teach and lead educational ministries, serve as liaison to the CDC, provide programing for small groups and young adults, provide pastoral care and preach on selected Sundays.

Woods is truly blessed to have Jacob join with us. So, anytime after July 16 stop by and give him a warm Woods welcome!

A Thank You to Our WoodsWork Workers
From Union Presbyterian Church, Carneys Point, NJ

Just a note to you at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church to say thanks for the visit of your "WoodsWork" work team to our worship in Carneys Point, NJ this morning. It was good to hear a few words about working on three houses for Habitat in Penns Grove. It was good to hear that someone was taking a bite out of the housing problems on this side of our county. And it was great to see happy young people and happy chaperones this morning, as they worked their way through this adventure. May your church in Severna Park, MD, continue in this mission.

With all best wishes, and wishing the group well in the rest of their work, Jim Green (elder, Union Presbyterian in Carneys Point) Katie Mulligan, pastor, Pat McHugh, elder and secretary.
Gardening News

Have you noticed the changes to our gardens at Woods recently? Lots of new plants are blooming, and birds and butterflies are everywhere. Woods Church is an Earth Care Congregation in the PCUSA and a River-Wise Congregation in the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards program, so we are working hard to be responsible stewards of the gardens, lawns and woodlands that make up our property. We are trying to reduce our storm water runoff wherever possible and support our native bird and pollinator populations using native trees, shrubs and plants. We no longer use herbicides or pesticides on our gardens and lawn areas, we do not fertilize the grass in the spring, and we are planting native plants in our gardens and grounds wherever possible to absorb storm water and provide food and habitat for our native birds, insects and pollinators.

We are thankful for the native oak trees, red and silver maples, sweet gum, dogwoods, American holly and Eastern redbud trees that already existed on our property. Unfortunately, we have many pre-existing non-native plants – hostas, day lilies, iris, barberry shrubs, burning bush, golden juniper and nandina (which have berries that are poisonous to wood thrush and cedar waxwing birds). These plants, while attractive, do not provide food or nectar for the native birds and insects.

As we go forward, Woods gardeners will incorporate native plants to preserve the balance and beauty of our local natural ecosystem. We plant black eyed susans, and cone flowers for seed eating birds. We plant cardinal flowers, butterfly weed, joe pye weed, white turtlehead and milkweed for butterflies and hummingbirds – the list provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service of native flowers and shrubs for the Chesapeake Bay watershed is extensive. We plant native shrubs such as American beautyberry, lowbush blueberry and viburnum for their berries that nourish birds, and silky dogwood, sweetspire, smooth winterberry and spicebush for their high wildlife value.

With the support of the organizations below, the Woods gardeners look forward to making our grounds and gardens beautiful habitats that support our local wildlife and waterways. Come join us anytime – we love company and no experience is necessary!

Eco-friendly Gardening Resources

- Unity Gardens; www.unitygardens.org
- Baywise Gardening; www.baywise.umd.edu
- US Fish & Wildlife "Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping"; www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay
- The Humane Gardener by Nancy Lawson; www.humanegardener.com
- Anne Arundel Co. Watershed Stewards Academy; www.aawsa.org
- Md Dept of Natural Resources Plants for Hummingbirds, Butterflies & Bees; www.dnr.state.md.us
- Md Dept of Agriculture Extension Service “Backyard Actions for a Cleaner Chesapeake Bay” and “Garden Planner and Checklist”; www.extension.umd.edu/growit
- US Dept of Agriculture "Native Plants for Honey Bee Forage" and "Be a Friend to Pollinators"; www.plants.usda.gov
- Smart on Pesticides Maryland “Neonicotinoid-Free Consumer Pesticide Products”; www.smartonpesticides.org
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.

Visit to our sister church in Sancti Spíritus, Cuba

Bonnie and Bill Habicht and Mark and Marty Clayton spent a week with our brothers and sisters in Sancti Spíritus, Cuba, from May 29 - June 5. It was hot! But the fellowship and love were like a balm to our souls. We worked with the Living Waters project, participated in Sunday worship, visited two of the mission projects, toured the manse, (which is in dire need of roof repair), and made a home visit. These are pictures of the children’s Sunday school class, and rice sorting for the meals for the elderly. The youth at the mission of Toyos are making sandwiches with tuna in packets, mayonnaise and sweet relish.

Our next trip is planned for February or March. Please contact Marty Clayton, mclayton@atlanticbb.net, if you would like to join us in this heartwarming partnership!

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Co-ed Softball is Back!
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!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

♦ Monday, July 1 - Tuesday, July 16: **Trip to Malawi, Africa.** Please pray for our members and friends visiting our mission partner, Ministry of Hope in Malawi.

♦ No Thursday Harundale Free Lunch in July. Please volunteer in August.

♦ No Missions Ministry Meeting in July.

♦ Monday, July 15, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: **Harundale Free Lunch.** Please volunteer to help feed the hungry. You can also volunteer the fourth Saturday of the month. Sign up at woodschurch.org/missions or contact Beth Hadley at bbhadley@gmail.com for details.

♦ Saturday, July 27, 9:30 am - 11:30 am or 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: **Harundale Free Lunch.** Volunteer to help feed the hungry. Sign up at woodschurch.org/missions or contact Jill Williamson at williamson.jill@gmail.com for details.

♦ 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
**Music Ministry**

**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. Ticket purchase information will be available soon. For questions please email David at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

**Summer Music Theater Camp**

(rising 5th - rising 10th grade)

This is a week-long theater camp that revolves around the Bible, and teaches about Jesus and his teachings. In addition, we have Bible study, indoor and outdoor games, scavenger hunts and ice cream sundaes, and water kick-ball! Our show this year is *Children of Eden Jr - Act 1*: 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. $200 per person. July 27 - August 3. Signup at www.woodsmtc.com or contact David at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

**Presently in the Woods Gallery:**

**Woods Mission Photograph Exhibit**

June 16 through August 4, 2019

This exhibit represents some of the art and collections of Woods members involved in mission and service as builders, partners, advocates, and servants.

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church is engaged in the world as a manifestation of our Christian discipleship. A majority of Woods members are actively involved in mission and service in the local and world community. We work to offer immediate assistance, long-term development, love and encouragement to all, as well as to advocate for justice and speak out against the exploitation of “the least of these.” We are a missional, servant church committed to being the mouth, the hands, and the heart of Christ in the world.

The Art Ministry would like to thank Don Roland and Mike Majer for all their assistance and hard work in making this exhibit possible.
Summer Choir
Join Us!

It’s about that time again! Family Summer Choir is about to start back up. The summer choir is open to all ages, and sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please email David at dmerrill@woodschurch.org with questions. Please see below for starting and ending rehearsal dates:

Starting Rehearsal Date:
Sunday, June 30, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. in the choir room

Final Rehearsal Date:
Sunday, August 25, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. in the choir room

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 am and 11:00 am 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 in the choir room. Our first rehearsal is on September 12. For any questions please reach out to David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.
**Families With Children**

**Vacation Bible School**

We are gearing up for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School, July 8 - 12. We will be going to Mars and Beyond as we explore where God’s power can take us. Through Bible stories, science experiments, goofy games, messy crafts, fun songs, mission projects and yummy snacks we will worship God, make new friends, learn about God’s love and be the community of faith. The church will be filled with children, youth counselors and adult leaders. We are at our safety capacity for children but welcome youth and adult leaders that would like to be a part of this adventure. One of our mission projects for Vacation Bible School will be collecting gently used children’s books for Knox Presbyterian Church, our sister church in Baltimore. Knox is creating a lending library for children in their neighborhood and we are fortunate to get to be a part of that project. Clean off the book shelves and bring your gently used children’s books to Vacation Bible School.

**Faith-In-Action**, a three day mission camp for third through fifth graders held July 16 - 18. Our campers, youth counselors and adult leaders will be exploring what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Through Bible study, games and hands on mission projects we will learn about needs in our area and work with our mission partners in addressing some of those needs. Some of the projects are preparing supply bags for individuals dealing with homelessness through the Light House Shelter, pulling weeds and caring for animals at Langton Green Community Farm (our chickens are there!) and serving lunch at Harundale’s soup kitchen. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they serve the community.

**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. Last year we gave over 100 pounds of produce away!
“Welcome to Our Neighborhood” - Summer Sunday School 2019

Have you looked in Zimmerman Hall lately? Our 9:30 a.m. summer Sunday school has been busy building our neighborhood. We started with the church and tried to answer the question, “who is our neighbor?” Karen Royer, took us on a tour of the church gardens as we learned what it means to be caretakers of the earth. Birdhouses and flowers were created to adorn our church. Cynamon Butler, Director of Missions, talked to the children about all kinds of shelters from picnic shelters to kennels to homeless shelters as we explored the text “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” We’ve added a shelter for those experiencing homelessness to our neighborhood. We will be welcoming the stranger, as Matthew Dziennik talks about what it is like to be from Scotland living in our neighborhood. Throughout the summer, we will be adding a thatched roof house, a fire station, a retirement home, a school and more as we continue to explore what it means when we say, “Welcome to Our Neighborhood.” If you remember that great feeling of playing with cardboard boxes and want to help create some of our structures please let us know. Many thanks to the Rehabbers, Brian Dziennik and Matthew Dziennik who have helped construct our buildings.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity is coming September 14 – 15! “Lisle is a Pastorist (pastor + artist), retreat leader, and creative entrepreneur seeking to fill the church with more color, paint, mystery, and creativity. Her ministry is rooted in the prophetic and freeing power of art to connect us more deeply to God and one another.” Lisle will be leading an intergenerational retreat on Saturday and will be painting during our worship services on Sunday. Save the date! More information and registration coming soon!
Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of Session in June:

- Examined elder/deacon candidates and unanimously recommended their ordination
- Approved the baptism of Brooklyn Alicia Matta, daughter of Charity and Grant Matta and Penelope Grace Duncan, daughter of Jessica and Jared Duncan
- Considered the June 30 Town Hall Meetings following each of the services to receive important input from the congregation regarding plans for repair and renewal of Woods infrastructure
- Discussed Kick Off Sunday, September 8. There will be games!
- Voted not to take the annual endowment draw this year due to lower than expected expenses (e.g., human resources costs)
- Heard an update on the Equity Sharing Agreement possibility for Pastor Jacob Snowden
- Reviewed changes to the Director of Missions and Communications job description the update
- Heard plans evaluating the feasibility of launching a capital campaign
- Approved the list of volunteers for Families with Children Summer programs.
- Received staff reports
- Awarded commendations to the elders rotating off session in July.

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.

The Love and sympathy of the congregation *

♫ Steve, Cindy and Zachary Covington on the death of son and brother, Derek Covington
♫ Stacey and Wade Russell, on the death of son and brother, Mitchel Russell

*Information is current as of June, 2019