Renew
To Everything There is a Season
Eccl. 3:1a
Welcome New Members

Following our October and November new member classes, we have 17 new members! Please greet and make them feel at home. They are:

Alyssa Barlis was born in Ontario, Canada and spent her younger years in Millstone Township, NJ. She currently lives in Hyattsville, MD. Alyssa works as an Optical Physicist at NASA. Her hobbies include singing, yoga, and hiking with her dog. She connected with Woods online through the Presbyterian Church(USA) Directory.

Elizabeth Baril currently lives in Annapolis, but was born and raised in Richmond, VA. She is the Youth Director at Woods. Before coming to Woods, she served as Youth Director at Second Presbyterian in Richmond, VA. She was also a youth intern at St. Andrew’s in Newport News, VA, and a Chaplain at St. Joseph’s in Ann Arbor, MI. When she has time, she loves to craft, sing, and mentor young people. We are fortunate to have her.

Jen Dottellis is a Maryland native; she and her husband reside in Severna Park. They have two children, Megan, and Kensi. Jen is a Learning Architect, and she also volunteers for Meals on Wheels. She loves spending time outdoors. Jen’s daughters attended Woods CDC, and she learned about the church by being on our campus.

John Dottellis and Jen live in Severna Park, but John grew up in Camp Springs, MD. He is an Engineering Manager for his day job, but he loves cars, sports, and Crossfit in his free time.
Elizabeth Homer is from Lake Forest, IL, and now lives in Severna Park. She has three children, Clare, Welles, and Grant. The children keep her very busy with their activities. Elizabeth is an architect and focuses on residential work.

Rachel Kiewitt is a Maryland native, born in Annapolis and grew up in Severna Park. She currently lives in Columbia, MD. Rachel stays busy with her two month old daughter Ava. Before Ava was born, Rachel worked in a hair salon and was also a nanny. Rachel's mom, Barbara Vrable, introduced her to Woods.

Ashley MacQuilliam and her husband, Matt, live in Severna Park. She is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. She and Matt have three children. Ashley works in sales for Medtronic. When she and Matt have free time, they enjoy going to the beach and traveling to visit family.

Matthew Milewski was born in Hartford, CT and raised in Avon, CT. Prior to moving with Krystine to Severna Park, they lived in Charleston, SC. Two of their children, Andrew and August, have been in the military. Aiden is still at home with them. Matthew works for DOD. When he has time, he enjoys carpentry, sports, travel and is a member of the Woodsmen here at Woods Church.

Ed Murdock: Ed is a Maryland Native having been born in Pasadena, MD. He loves sports and being outdoors. Ed works in Finance as a Business Analyst for T. Rowe Price. He and Jenn discovered Woods when their son went to CDC at Woods. The school had come highly recommended by everyone they met after moving to Severna Park.

Krystine Milewski and her husband, Matthew, have lived in Severna Park for 28 years. She was born and raised in Torrington, CT. They have three children, Andrew, August, and Aiden. Krystine is a Registered Nurse, and a TCC Clinical Nurse Educator at AACC and at BWMC. Her pastimes include crafting, reading, and socializing with her friends. Woods has been in their background for 25 years; their children attended the CDC.
Jenn Murdock and her husband, Ed, have lived in Severna Park for the last five years. Jenn is originally from Drexel Hill, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. Jenn and Ed have two children: Edison, and Dylan. She is a Vice President for Client Services for T. Rowe Price.

Emily Geise-Smith has lived in many different places and not only in the United States. She was born in Redbank, NJ, and grew up in Virginia. Currently she and her husband, Blade live in Glen Burnie. Her career has also offered her many different opportunities. She was a Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. State Department and then transitioned to nursing as a Critical Care Specialist. Currently she is in a new role as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She and Blade have a little daughter, Hadley who is 15 months old. When she has time, you might find the family outdoors hiking and ranging. She also likes to listen to music and to play tennis. Thank you Yelp for helping them find Woods!

Blade Smith: Blade was born in Idaho Falls, ID. He came out to the East Coast for college and stayed out here. Blade’s background is in Controls Engineering and he is currently a Project Manager for an Engineering Consulting Firm. Blade has entered graduate school recently and his time is pretty tied up with family, job and studying. He loves to read and learn so it’s a good fit for him. Yelp responded to their search for an inclusive and loving church family with Woods. When Blade and Emily attended our service, they knew they had found a church home.

Sara Snowden: Sara was born in Dallas, TX, lived in Abilene, TX, until moving here to Arnold MD. Sara is married to our Jacob Snowden, the new Associate Pastor of Adult Education, Small Groups and Young Adults at Woods. She and Jacob have a little girl Gwyneth who is one year old. Sara is a Physical Therapist at Johns Hopkins Hospital and also at Anne Arundel Medical Center. When she has free time, she loves to play with Gwyneth and spend time outside running and hiking.

Suzonne Davids was born in Greenville, SC, and now lives in Severna Park. She works in Art Media Sales and is the Director for the Mid Atlantic Louise Blonin-Art. Suzonne and her mom learned about Woods via member, Marilyn Sickels.

Suzonne Taylor is the mother of Suzonne Davids, and currently lives at Sunrise Assisted Living. She was born in Memphis, TN. Before retiring, Suzonne was a Real Estate Broker. She also spent 20 years volunteering for the Junior League in Greenville, SC. Her interests include the theater.
Capital Campaign – Advanced Gifts
Gatherings November 3 through 5
Over the past several weeks you have met some of the leadership of our Renew: To Everything There Is a Season capital campaign. We will be holding a series of in-home meetings for those considering making an advanced leadership gift to the campaign. Food and refreshments will be served at each event. The following dates and times are available: Sunday November 3 at 1:00 p.m. and a second at 3:00 p.m. Two additional gatherings are scheduled for Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 5, both at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend one of these gatherings, we would love to have you. Please contact the church office at 410.647.2550 and we will be happy to get an invitation to you.

Capital Campaign Overview
Woods Church provides meeting space for various member and community groups to gather every day and most evenings. To continue to fulfill this vital ministry and mission role, steps must be taken to improve our facilities. Because of their age, many of the building systems that provide essential functions for the church are reaching the end of their life and will need to be replaced. Also, several areas of the church are in deteriorating condition and in need of updating or serious renovation.

The Session, with the guidance and leadership of the Property Management Ministry, has adopted a multi-year plan to address remediation's in the following areas:

- Safety and Security: $370,000
- Energy and Environmental: $874,100
- Renovate and Renew: $733,600

The much-needed repairs and improvements in these areas will provide a safer and more inviting space for our members, guests and the community Woods serves. Your help is required over the next 3 years to raise the 2.175M in funds necessary to accomplish this goal.

• First Fruits Offering, Sunday, December 8
  Contributions will be received for the initial portion of pledges.

• Announcement Sunday, December 15
  Total pledged amount for the campaign will be announced.

Capital Campaign – Upcoming Important Dates to Remember …

• Celebration Sunday, November 10
  A church fellowship gathering in Zimmerman Hall with food and refreshments after all three services celebrating the many things that we are grateful for and to raise awareness and gain momentum for the final week of the campaign prior to Commitment Sunday.

• Commitment Sunday, November 17
  Pledge cards will be placed on the table in front of the church during the service.
Congratulations to Frank Goetschius, Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy candidate on his successful capstone project installation last Saturday. Frank and his impressive team replanted the woods at Woods, planting 176 native trees, shrubs, and plants across the church’s woodlands. The successful planting was greatly facilitated by the fact that the Rehabber’s pre-dug all of the holes and placed all of the plants into their properly assigned locations on the previous Thursday.

More than 75 volunteers showed up on the sunny Saturday morning representing more than 12 community organizations including the Magothy River Association, the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA), Baywise volunteers, Maryland Master Gardeners, Severna Park High School, Broadneck High School, Boy Scouts Troop 339, Girl Scouts Troop 184, local community gardening clubs and many Woods church volunteers and groups. With the help of Watershed Steward Alison Milligan as advisor, the volunteers were able to reforest the woodlands with native trees, such as Red Oak, Chestnut Oak, Red Maple, American Holly, Redbud, Flowering Dogwood and Sweee Bay Magnolia to name a few. Alongside the existing Elm, Oak, Sweet Gum and Black Gum, these new plantings will aid in the reforestation process, returning the woodland to the way it looked 100 years ago when the church was founded. “The goal is to promote vegetation, maximize diversity of forestry, and create a lush area that will be a resource for wildlife,” said Frank Goetschius. The tree planting project will prevent stormwater runoff from entering into the roadways and storm drains that drain into Cypress Creek on the Magothy. The members of the church gardening group made labels for the new plants and trees to help the public become familiar with the diversity of native plants available so they can plant these plants and trees in their own gardens.

This project was funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust’s Anne Arundel County Community Planting Mini-Grant Program. In partnership with the Anne Arundel County Forest Conservancy District Board, the program funds tree planting and tree canopies in communities. The goal of this grant fits perfectly with the Woods project; to raise awareness of the health of our region, tree canopy, watersheds, air quality, streams, rivers, and the Bay. Additional organizations such as The Unity Gardens Foundation and WSA have also provided grants to make this project possible.
Gardening News

Leaves play an integral part in the life of many creatures, and they have a lot of benefit to wildlife and to your garden. From a gardening perspective, fallen leaves offer a double benefit. Leaves form a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds and at the same time fertilize the soil as they break down.

Many butterfly and moth species overwinter in leaf litter such as luna moths, great spangled fritillaries, woolly bear caterpillars (which become Isabella tiger moths) and red-banded hairstreaks. Some overwinter as eggs, some as pupae and some as adults. If you rake up and throw away all of your leaves this fall, you’ll be getting rid of these beautiful and beneficial insects, many of which are pollinators. Butterfly and moth caterpillars are also a critically important food source for birds in the spring when they are feeding their babies. If you remove all of your fallen leaves, there will be fewer of these insects in and around your yard and fewer birds too.

A leaf layer is a natural thing in any area where trees naturally grow. The leaf layer is its own mini-ecosystem. Many wildlife species live in the leaf layer as their primary habitat – including salamanders, chipmunks, wood frogs, box turtles, toads, shrews, earthworms, millipedes and many insect species. So rake your leaves into your gardens and into the “wild areas” of your yard, and see the wonders of creation in abundance next spring.

The Bible Bedtime Stories challenge has begun. Trade one bedtime story for a story from a Children’s Bible every night. Create this important spiritual practice for your family. As you share the stories you will not only increase your child’s understanding of the story of the Bible but parents’ and grandparents’ Bible literacy will increase as well. We are happy to recommend story book Bibles for your family to purchase or borrow. Just read five a week and see how your family changes!

Home Communion Sunday

Home Communion will be offered on Sunday, November 24, following the 9:30 a.m. service. If you would like to be included or know of anyone in the congregation who might enjoy having communion brought to their home, please contact Maureen Adams, madams@woodschurch.org or call 410.647.2550.
SANTA and his elves will be there - Come have the kids’/pets pictures taken with Santa. Then the kids can shop for family presents in the Just for Kids store.

LUNCH SERVED
Join us at the café in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Woods Epic Bazaar

Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

_Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women (PWOW) all proceeds go to Mission projects_

This years bazaar has expanded to include the entire church, children activities will be held in the downstairs area of the church and will include arts and crafts, face painting and much more.

Enjoy Fantastic Shops
White Elephant; Jewelry (quality and costume); Needlework; Linens (clean/like new); Baked Goods; Pocketbooks, Olive Oil, Palestinian Embroidery; Christmas Items; Children’s Clothes (birth to size 12); Sporting Goods; Quality Furniture; Nuts; Made in the USA table and much much more.

One-of-a-Kind Table
If you have a new item to donate; it can be an unopened wedding gift or a hand-crafted item. Please keep the one-of-a-kind table in mind. Any questions call Leslie Madison 410.647.9630

White Elephant Tables:
A “white elephant” is a possession of value that is no longer wanted by the owner. Please bring your white elephant “treasures” to church from noon Sunday, November 17 through noon on Friday, November 22 and place them on the stage in Zimmerman Hall. We look forward to receiving your jewelry, dishes, tools, small electric items, art objects, toys, games, etc. We also will appreciate your bringing in paper and plastic bags . Please do not bring clothing, shoes, obsolete computers, TVs, printers, worn out and broken items, etc.

**O Holy Night: An Evening of Lessons and Carols - Free, Tickets Required**
Join us on December 6 and 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a free concert. This combined concert will include the choirs from St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, St. Bernadettes Catholic Church, Severna Park Methodist Church, and Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. The concert will also include a full orchestra, handbells, guest soloists, guest instrumentalists, and our amazing Children’s Choirs. Come celebrate Christ’s birth through this beautiful evening of Lessons and Carols!

**Advent Celebration**
Join us for crafts, cookies and lots of advent fun during our Advent Celebration. The Advent Celebration will take place during Sunday school at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on November 24 in Zimmerman Hall. Decorate cookies, hammer a tin punch, make ornaments for your Christmas tree and lots more. If you’re handy with a glue gun we’d love your help.

Contact Holly Albrecht, Director of Family Life at halbrecht@woodschurch.org.
From music to games this event was a blast. We invited youth of all ages to kick off our year in the church parking lot! Woods was overflowing with youth and their parents, even some furry friends joined us. Overall an amazing evening under the stars.

Months leading up to kick off we had numerous volunteers who helped organize this event. There were grill masters, games experts, sports enthusiasts and of course our teachers! None of this could have happened without their help.

We started the night with a cook out feast, including burgers and hot dogs. Families could socialize while enjoying the relaxing environment. When it was time to play the kids busted out the games and laughter roared.

There were corn hole tournaments and kids playing call jam all night long. We even had spike ball, giant jenga, and giant twister! Then all the fun broke loose when the kids were able to pie their Youth Director in the face after meeting all of their teachers for the year.

There was fun for youth and parents the whole night long! We are so glad we kicked off our year with so much fun!

Elizabeth Baril, Director of Youth & Their Families

Looking Back to Summer 2019

Fall Kick Off 2019 Highlights

WoodsWork
Work Day 1 at WoodsWork in Salem County, NA. Two seniors (L. Lee & C. Donaghey) on saw duty.

Broad Street Ministry
15 Middle schoolers serving at MANNA during the middle school mission trip at BSM.

Triennium
C. Godwin & Elizabeth Baril at Triennium, PC(USA) tri-annual national conference for high schoolers.

Putt-Putt with Friends
C. Mays & G. Morris enjoying one of our middle school days playing putt-putt. Boys team won!

WoodsWork
200 volunteers from Woods built three homes with Habitat For Humanity.

Go Cart with Friends
A fun group of middle schoolers enjoying a local go cart racing track in the summer heat!
Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of Session in October:

- The Capital Campaign kicked-off on October 20 with gratitude cards distributed and collected at each service.
- The CDC budget was approved for 2020-2021.
- The Youth and their Families Ministry made a motion to approve their Vision Documents. The motion passed.
- Human Resources received approval for the possibility of hiring two individuals to job share the position of Director of Mission and Communication.
- The New Century American Irish Arts Company was granted approval to charge admission to two concerts held in Zimmerman Hall in December.

MEMBERSHIP AT WOODS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Sunday November 17th at 9:30 a.m.
in Founders Room

DINNER WITH ELDERS
Wednesday November 20th at
6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

INTRO TO THE CONGREGATION:
Sunday November 24th at the
9:30 am or 11 am. services

For More Information Contact: Rachel Lunde 443.261.3269
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The Love and sympathy of the congregation *

- Elizabeth Baril, and family, on the death of her aunt, Becky Schmitz
- Family and friends of Mary Bridger
- Family and friends of Ruth Case
- Andrew and Sarah Hope Lincoln, on the death of their grandfather, Don Lincoln
- Rick and Mary Jane Messick, and family, on the death of their son, Ricky Messick
- Barry Clements, and sons Kyle and Scott, on the death of their wife and mother, Gina Clements
- Family and friends of Josalee Birchfield
- Family and friends of Margaret MacFarlane

*Information is current as of October 26, 2019
Adult Education Classes

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

Sundays 11:00 a.m. Class
Israeli-Palestine Relations
November 3-24 (Room 208)
Dr. Bill Hadley will present a four-week series on the Israeli-Palestinian confrontation. Bill is a retired CIA officer who lived in Israel and has studied this issue extensively for more than 30 years. The course will cover the history of this confrontation from ancient times to the present. All of the Arab-Israeli wars will be discussed. In addition, the various efforts to achieve a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians will be examined. We will look closely at the implications for both parties if an eventual peace settlement is not reached. Time will be reserved for Q&A following each presentation. All interested parties are encouraged to attend these timely sessions.

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 before the Sunday when it will be presented in worship, thus giving us a new understanding of scripture, and enhancing our worship experience.

Please note: Nuts will ONLY be available for pick-up during these scheduled times. Church office staff have been asked NOT to retrieve nut orders at other times. Please contact Kay if you are unable to pick-up during one of the scheduled times.
Kay Mitchell 410.757.7103 (H), 410.222.6656 (W)

Pick-Up Schedule Dates    Time
Sunday, November 17     9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21    4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, November 22      1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
The Library Committee

Looking for a way to serve the Lord here at Woods and enjoy fellowship with others who love books? Volunteer to be on the Woods Library Committee, on Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. We need people to process, card and shelve books as well as people to create displays and encourage use of all the resources the library has for adults and children. Please contact Barbara Gosnell by sending an email to library@woodschurch.org. No experience is necessary!

Bible Bedtime Stories Readers

We’ve asked our families with children to switch one bedtime story for a Bible story every night. It is changing families as they share in the spiritual practice of reading the Bible together.

We are ready to bump things up a notch. We are looking for Bible Story readers who will be videoed reading a story from a children’s Bible. Families will be able to access these stories from our own Youtube channel. I can just imagine a child running up to Elder Carolann Marone saying, “Ms. Carolann, you’re the lady who read me the story of Jonah and the whale!” Creating family spiritual practices, increasing Bible literacy with parents and children and building relationships throughout the church – this is going to be fun!

If you’re interested in being a reader please contact Holly Albrecht at halbrecht@woodschurch.org.