WoodsChips October 2019

Kick-Off Sunday was September 8
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
**Potholes, Detours, and Roadblocks to Discipleship**
September 15 – Oct. 27 at Holy Grounds
What is in the way of your being a disciple of Jesus Christ? He said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus also says many times in the Gospels, “Follow me”. How does one actually do that? Join a discussion group that will wrestle together with the scriptures and with the challenges along the path to discipleship. Facilitated by Adult Education.

Sundays 11:00 a.m. Class
**Invitation to Psalms**
September 15 - Oct. 27 (Office Conference Room)
Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well-known Scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience—joy, faith, uncertainty, and sorrow. During weekly discussion and video segments, experience a varied presentation of individual Psalm texts, including dramatic reading, music, and images. Listen to insights into specific Psalms presented by biblical scholars through a conversation format.
This will be a wonderful experience for those who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect with Scripture. The study is accessible for those with little prior Bible experience. They will discover the stories that invite them to follow Christ. Facilitated by Adult Education

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.
A Time to Renew - Capital Campaign

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven
... a time to break down and a time to build up.
Ecclesiastes 3:1,3

Dear Friends,

Safety and Security, Energy and Environment, Renovation and Refreshment, these are the six vital priorities of Woods’ Renew: To everything there is a season capital campaign set to kick off in mid-October. Our prayer is that all of members and friends will enthusiastically embrace the vision of making Woods a safer, greener, more energy efficient, more beautiful and welcoming space. Following a four-year period of prayer and study: extensive energy assessment, capital equipment infrastructure study, program analysis and congregational surveys, the Session has chosen 36 projects for the Renew campaign. The projects cluster into three categories:

Project 1: Safety and Security
Estimated Cost: $370,000
- Replace the Fire Alarm System and integrate a site-wide security system that will include video surveillance and other capabilities to mitigate potential threats to all that use the church.

Project 2: Energy and Environmental
Estimated Cost: $874,100
- Install high-efficiency heating and air conditioning systems as the current equipment reaches the end of its life. The replacement systems will use newer technologies that heat and cool more efficiently, reducing our energy use by more than 60%

Project 3: Renovate and Refresh
Estimated Cost: $733,600
- Renovate the downstairs restrooms, our Youth Room, Adult Education space, and the lower 150 Wing classrooms.
- Replace carpeting furniture (including new seating to replace the 34-year-old sanctuary chairs) and the stage curtains in Zimmerman Hall.
- Other project include interior wall and surface restoration, painting throughout the church, repaving roadway surfaces, and replacing the windows in the Holy Grounds facility.

We praise God that the outstanding team of Woods leaders has stepped up to the challenge of leading us to meet our $2,175,470 goal.

Co-Chairs: Bob Royer, Dave Bremer
Coordinator: Ed Lambert
Staff Asst. to Coordinator: John McLaughlin
Advanced Commitments: Kevin & Carol Burke, Nancy Nolan, Meri Stearns, Joan Tiernan
Affinity Groups: Sarah Dziennik, Mary Ann Orso
Celebration: Dot Brugnoli, Marcie Magette

Communications: Cindy Covington, Dylan Roche
Connection: Mark Bohlman, Chip Fry, Mary Jo Greenley
Gratitude & Ministry: Donna Balog, Tom Page Jr.
Lead Gifts: Keith Kintzley, Karen Kissam, Jeff Norris
Prayer: Maribelle Carter, Steve & Bev Haines
Youth & Children: Holly Albrecht, Gale Gillespie, Vic & Carolann Marone, Lindsey Hemelstrand

Please commit to pray for these members and for all your church leaders as we embark on this vital season as we prepare to share the first fruits of all that God has given us. If you can offer your service to one of these groups please contact me at sdewyngaert@woodschurch.org or Campaign Coordinator Ed Lambert at lamberec@yahoo.com. To everything there is indeed a season. This is a season for renewal at Woods. Come along with us as we grow.

Yours in Christ’s Service,
Bringing New Life to the “Woods at Woods”

Be a part of this exciting project on October 5

A reforestation effort of the woodlands between Woods Church and Sunrise Assisted Living will restore this wooded area with hundreds of new native species of trees and shrubs as a means to significantly improve its ability to absorb parking lot sheet flows and rooftop water from the church property. One mature oak tree can absorb as much 40,000 gallons of water per year.

This project is the 2019 Watershed Stewardship Capstone Project of Watershed Steward candidate Frank Goetschius and is funded through a grant from by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Anne Arundel County Forestry Department. The woods will be planted with trees and vegetation to restore it to the way it may have looked 100 years ago when the church was founded.

Please support us on this important environmental stewardship opportunity, Saturday morning October 5 at 9:00 a.m. Please call Frank Goetchius 410.292.1335 or Bob Royer 443.924.8925 to volunteer and further details.

Save the Date

Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. is the 80th year that PWOW has held a bazaar to raise money for mission. In the last few years attendance and income from this event has been down but we are on our own mission to revamp with your help! We need quality donations that are in great condition (no broken or stained item please) and we need the younger generation to join forces to keep this event ongoing. We want to appeal to the generation who wants to recycle, revamp, repurpose! Let’s allow our donations to match what our community wants and needs. We are adding more baby and children’s clothing and items and are open to suggestions as to what other items would interest you. We are discouraging flea market items that are of no use or broken, but items of good quality and purpose. We will offer free pictures with Santa for children or pets! More details to come!

Please stop by the PWOW table on Sundays in Fellowship Hall to share your ideas with Karen Strange, sunshinestrange@verizon.net or Retta Barkley, rettabarkley@gmail.com We want to hear from young families and ideas on items you would be interested in buying, like home canned goods holiday gift giving, etc.
We at Woods Church have a wonderful opportunity to promote the peace of Christ through our gifts to the Peace and Global Witness special offering on Sunday, October 6, one of four annual offerings which our national Presbyterian Church (USA) promotes.

These offerings play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church, bringing together the diversity of PC(USA) to take action on shared concerns. We're in it together!

25% of this offering stays with Woods Church and will be sent to Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT), a relatively new Anne Arundel County partnership of 26 churches, faith, and community-based organizations seeking lasting change in Anne Arundel County. Woods is an active member of this vital group.

ACT has identified six areas on which to focus: mental health and addiction, safe neighborhoods/affordable housing, fair and just immigration policies, safe and effective schools, efficient and useful transportation, and gun violence on our streets and in our communities, all important topics at this critical time.

25% of the offering will go to the Presbytery of Baltimore to support its peacemaking work; and 50% will go to PC(USA) for peace and reconciliation efforts around the globe.

Special envelopes will be provided in the Sunday bulletin on October 6, providing us an opportunity to promote peace in our county, in our country and in the world. Let’s do it!

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Come Visit Our Sister Church in Cuba

Would you like to meet and worship with our brothers and sisters in Cuba? A trip is planned for January 14 - 21, 2020. We will be part of the life of this missional congregation, participating in worship, visiting homebound, helping with food and clean water projects, and joining in any other activity of the church. This contact is especially important to our partnership at this time, when visas are being denied to Cuban visitors to the U.S. Please contact Marty Clayton, mclayton@atlanticbb.net, for more information.
The purpose of this Woods Seminar is to discover a richer, more vibrant spirituality, to experience a renewed prayer life, and to encounter God more fully. Those attending will review essays by scientists and renowned spiritual writers who are discovering connections between their work and the sacred.

“When science begins to explore the mind as deeply as it has explored matter, it may find it has embarked on a course that will ultimately lead it to discover the divine. To the scientific establishment, rooted in a materialistic worldview, this is anathema. But so was the notion of the solar system four centuries ago.” (Peter Russell, author of The Global Brain)

“The bottom line is that we must change, but we must know what to change, and how.” (Elvin Laszlo nominated for the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize)

Featured writers for the seminar include Elvin Laszlow, Kingsley Dennis and Joan Chittister.

Dates: Six consecutive Mondays, 9/30; 10/7; 10/14; 10/21; 10/28; 11/4
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Woods Counseling & Care Center, Large Group Room
Suggested Books: The Time is Now, by Joan Chittister; The New Science and Spirituality Reader, by Elvin Laszlo
To Register: Call Bill Hocking at 410.349.0329, or email: bill.hocking@woodscce.org.

Welcome Tanise Stevens, LCPC, to the Woods Counseling & Care Center

Tanise Stevens is a solution-focused, licensed clinician who works to provide practical skills and strengths that help clients gain insight. She individualizes treatment interventions in a collaborative effort to meet the needs of clients. Tanise has experience treating a variety of mental health disorders using evidenced-based practices and specializes in trauma, addictions, military and relationships issues.

Tanise works with military families during transitions and to heal from PTSD, adjustment disorder, anxiety, depression and the reintegration of a deployed family member. She helps couples refine communication and improve intimacy. She offers addiction treatment as well as consultation for family members who have addicted loved ones.

Tanise has experience working with persons of various ages, sexual orientation, religious backgrounds, socio-economic status and cultures. Individuals or couples may call or email for a free consultation: Tanise Stevens, LCPC, 202.818.8712, tanise.stevens@woodscce.org.
Calling All Artists!

Here is your chance to display your two dimensional artwork in the Annual Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Exhibit in the Gallery at Woods. This is an open exhibit for Woods members and for community artists. You have been invited to display 1-2 pieces of your art work. **Deliver by November 21 or 22, 2019,** your art to the Woods Office conference room.

Suggested Themes: Your art may be religious or secular possibly including: personal experience, nature etc.; Gifts & talents; the religious season of Advent; the winter season; Christmas Story; Sundays in Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy & Love) or expressions in scripture. This exhibit will be up until January 7, 2020.

Please e-mail Marty Walker, Gallery Curator, walkerartsite@yahoo.com or Sharon West, Chair of Art Committee, sharonwest@gmail.com for registration information and to participate.

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**Working Artists Forum**

The Working Artists Forum started meeting in Easton, Maryland in 1979 and became a not-for-profit corporation May 20, 1991. Since 1979 WAF has been a juried organization of working professional artists from diverse backgrounds and geographic locations, who meet monthly at the Academy Art Museum, in Easton, MD for demonstrations, group critiques and lively discussions. Membership has grown from 13 original charter members to over 90 members today. WAF members actively show their work on the Eastern and Western Shores, separately and together, and have artwork in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and internationally. Although members have received numerous awards and prizes in countless competitions and shows, a strong interest remains in pro bono work for the community, and donations are made each year to the art classes in our area schools.

For more information, visit WAF website, [www.workingartistsforum.com](http://www.workingartistsforum.com) or Facebook.

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**Senior Fall Fellowship Dinner: Authentic Hungary**

The deacons invite all members and friends of Woods ages 70 and up to their annual fall dinner to be held Friday, October 18, from 5:30-7:30PM. Spouses and guest of younger age welcome! This year’s theme is reflecting the country of Hungary! Authentic Hungarian dinner prepared by Chef Sándor Drevenka. Entertainment arranged by András (Andrew) Lincoln. Save the date and call the church office to rsvp.
Sharing books with children is a special night time ritual for many families. The Families with Children Ministry invites you to join in the **Bible Bedtime Story Challenge**. Our goal is to have every family at Woods Church join in the spiritual practice of reading the Bible each day. For families with young children, we encourage you to swap one bedtime book for a Bible story from one of the children’s Bible story books listed below. Reading a children’s Bible on a regular basis helps both children and parents increase their Bible literacy. Take the challenge. Share one story from a Bible story book each night and see how your family is changed.

The goal is to read five stories a week. Children completing the “I READ FIVE” weekly challenge will receive a sticker in Sunday school. Families will receive a reward for meeting each four week or reading twenty Bible stories challenge.

Suggested children’s storybook Bibles:
- *The Toddlers Bible*
- *The Family Story Bible*
- *Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible*
- *The Children’s Bible in 365 Stories*
- *Children of God Story Book Bible*
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

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**Third Grade Bible Sunday**

Third graders will receive a Bible on Sunday, October 20 during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Please join us in celebrating this important Faith Formation Milestone.

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**Woods Child Development Center together with Woods Church Families with Children Ministry co-present our annual**

**Community Halloween Party**

Friday, October 25 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Wear your costume and have fun with crafts, games, and prizes for ages 2-10

Cost: $6/child if purchased by 10/23. $8 at the door, children under 2 and adults free

Bring your family; invite your friends! Food will be available for purchase.

Tickets will be available in the teachers’ resource room or call 410.647.9168 for ticket information.
As the summer flowers fade, it is important to have fall blooming native plants in our gardens for the butterflies (Painted Lady, Monarch and Common Buckeye) that are migrating down the Eastern Flyway to their winter homes in Florida, Mexico and Central America. We have several native plants in bloom now that are good fall sources of nectar – Goldenrod, asters and Common Boneset. If you look at these plants in the various locations around our campus, you will see hundreds of pollinators. Here are pictures of some Common Boneset in our parking lot with three types of bees in one photo frame, another with a Gray Hairstreak butterfly, and another with a Pearl Crescent butterfly. We are glad that the insects can find the food they need in our gardens because of the presence of native plants. Plants that are not native are often not recognized by our native insects, or do not provide the necessary nutrients.

Did you know that many butterflies spend the winter here in Maryland in cocoon or chrysalis form? One survival technique that these butterflies use is to resemble fallen leaves. The photo below shows cocoons and chrysalises that might easily be mistaken for fallen leaves. Most wildlife societies recommend that we have “wild” areas of our yards for wildlife – areas where brush piles and leaves can remain undisturbed until spring when the creatures hatch. We hope our wooded areas on campus will be home to many butterflies this winter!
Employment Opportunity at Woods

The Director of Mission and Communication (DMC) provides leadership and direction for the mission of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church and provides supervision of communication for the ministries of the church. For more information on this position go to www.woodschurch.org/positions or contact Bill Hadley at missions@woodschurch.org.

Coordinator for Families with Children
This position provides leadership and support for a broad-based Christian education ministry for children from nursery through elementary school ages. The coordinator organizes and supports leaders, teachers and groups to work together in furthering the Christian education of children. Contact Holly Albrecht at halbrecht@woodschurch.org for more information.

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 Presbyterians are Coming to Town!
The Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) is seeking creative and dynamic leaders to lead a team and members to be part of a workgroup! Interested?

Team Lead Positions for the following teams:
- **Fundraising (co-chair):**
  - Hosting a General Assembly costs money. This team is responsible for helping raise the funds to host the General Assembly.
- **Media & Communications Team Lead:**
  - How do we let people know all the wonderful things about our Presbytery and area? Our Media Team is responsible for getting the message out there through social media, our booth at GA, and however else the Media Team can be creative.

Workgroup Team Member Roles for the following teams:
- **Community Engagement** - responsible for creating/connecting folks throughout the assembly with opportunities for community engagement.
- **Excursions** - Plan and coordinate special events that are the responsibility of the Committee on Local Arrangements.
- **Finance** - Works with the Presbytery’s financial staff to manage the Presbytery’s income and expenses as it relates to hosting the General Assembly.
- **Fundraising** - Helps to raise funds to host the Assembly.
- **Hospitality** - Responsible for recommendations, greeting folks, helping them find their way, and showing our guests they are welcome here.
- **Media & Communications** - Responsible for getting the message out there through social media, our booth at GA224, and through other creative means.
- **Transportation** - Facilitates ground transportation to GA224 locations, Sunday Worship, and special tours.
- **Volunteer** - Coordinates all the people who will be helping with worship, hospitality and GA224.
- **Welcome Reception** - Collaborates with east coast siblings to create a reception that highlights our area.
- **Worship** - Plans worship services that take place during GA224.

For additional information contact Sonce Reese, sonce.reese@pcusa.org or 410.433.2012 x106 or Carrie Finch-Burriss, rev.carrie.finch@gmail.com.
Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of Session in September:

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be at 10:25 a.m. on Sunday September 29, in the sanctuary followed by a town hall meeting in Zimmerman Hall.
- Bob Royer presented the capital campaign leaders. The campaign will kick off on Sunday October 20.
- HOPE for All will collect toiletry items and various kitchen items on October 13 from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. There will be a truck in the Woods parking lot for donations.
- The curriculum, teachers and volunteers for Families with Children and Youth and their Families was approved. The WoodsWork Committee was also approved.
- Human Resources announced that Susan will be taking her sabbatical in July 2020. Final plans are being made to be approved by and November.
- Worship is starting to look for Advent Candle Lighting volunteers.

**JOIN 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 a.m. or 11 a.m. services

For More Information:  Rachel Lunde  
443.261.3269  
Contact: rlunde@woodschurch.org

The Love and sympathy of the congregation *

✦ Heather Tober and family, on the death of her mother-in-law, Joanna Tober
✦ Greg Hubert, on the death of his mother, Louise Bennett
✦ Barb Lynn, on the death of her mother, Jan Lynn
✦ Brenda Rogge, and family, on the death of her husband, Carl Rogge

*Information is current as of September 26, 2019*
The Peaceful Neighbor

*The Peaceful Neighbor* is a new class led by new Associate Pastor, Jacob Snowden. The class will be offered twice—on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in room 208. Looking through the lens of Mr. Fred Rogers, the TV host and Presbyterian minister, consider what Dr. Michael Long calls the countercultural” edges of his faith and life. Based on the book *Peaceful Neighbor* by Michael Long, we will explore topics such as vegetarianism, pacifism, race, and gender, all the while considering the role kindness and grade in our lives and his. Reading is optional. Contact Jacob Snowden, jsnowden@woodschurch.org with any questions.

Wholeness Service

There will be a Service of Wholeness on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a deeply spiritual service of prayer, laying on of hands and anointing by the pastors and elders for those experiencing emotional or physical concerns. If you would like to attend, please email Maureen Adams at madams@woodschurch.org or call her at 410.647.2550.

All Saints Banner Preview and Service

The deacons have been working on banners for our Woods Saints who will be honored at the All Saints service on Sunday, November 3. If you are a friend of family, you are invited to the banner preview prior to the service on Wednesday, October 30, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and again from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.