JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

October 3 - 6, 2019
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)

Potholes, Detours, and Roadblocks to Discipleship
Sept. 15 – Oct. 27 at the Woods Counseling Center
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
Sept. 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.
Kick-off Sunday

Live Into Hope

September 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Kick-off Sunday is going to be bigger and better than ever! Join us for an afternoon of games, music, and food! Each ministry at Woods Church will have a game or activity to enjoy alongside musical entertainment and a delicious meal provided by the Deacons. The event will start at 12:00 p.m. and is free and open to all. Invite your friends, neighbors, and get to know your church family.

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 for more information.

Position open:

Teaching Assistant Woods Child Development Center Full-time, benefited, 40 hours week. Must have or be willing to complete MSDE 90-hour Preschool Certificate and be available during operating hours Center open 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Bringing New Life to the “Woods at Woods”

Be a part of this exciting Project starting this Fall

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 roof top 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. The first planting is planned for Thursday morning October 3, followed by Saturday morning October 5 and the following Thursday mornings in October.

Please call Frank Goetchius 410.292.1335 to volunteer and further details.

Presently in the Woods Gallery:

Capturing God’s Creation
August 11 - September 29, 2019

About the Artists

Molly and Dennis Balog were married in 1982 and live in the community of Linstead in Severna Park, Maryland. They are both Ordained Elders and members of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. Most of their images are taken in Chincoteague Island, Virginia. With their images they want to capture God’s creation. When viewing their photographs they want you to say, ”That’s where I want to be.” All images are digital photographs printed with pigment ink onto art paper. They can be contacted by email mollyb@erols.com, by phone 410.659.9803 and by their website CapturingGodsCreation.com.

Donna Balog - Hey Guys...I have been a member of Woods since the third grade. As I grew up listening to Rev. Schoener I also participated in Habitat for Humanity through WoodsWork and Wood Ties. I moved away briefly but always considered this my home church. Now that I am back and listening to Pastor Susan I participate in the Sunrise Assisted Community Communion service and teach Sunday School and I love every bit of it. I am honored to be selected for this exhibit and my work is a ”Thank You” to Woods. Please know that a portion of the proceeds will be funneled back to Woods.
Mission Opportunities

Peace is Active, not Passive;
Peace is Doing, not Waiting.

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 6th, 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!
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 for more information. Do consider joining us.

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, for more information.
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. You can purchase your ticket purchase now at www.woodstix.org, cost is $10.00. For questions please email David Merrill.

Fall Musical Ensembles

Are you interested in singing, or playing an instrument? Come and join one of our ensembles. Our new season starts soon and we want you! Here are some important dates and times:

- **Praise Band** - Rehearsals are Thursday's from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, email Sarah.

- **Adult Choir** - Rehearsals are Thursday's from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, email David.

- **Seek Band** (5th-12th) - First Rehearsal is Thursday, September 12 from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, email David.

- **Children's Choir** (1st - 5th) - First Rehearsal is Sunday, September 15, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, email David.
Sanctified Art Experience

The Big Event with Lisle Gwynn Garrity is happening on September 14 and 15! Lisle Gwynn Garrity artist, pastor, retreat leader and creative entrepreneur will be leading a day retreat for seven year olds through older adults on Saturday the 14 and will be painting during our worship services on the 15. Saturday morning will begin with session one 9:30-11:45 a.m. for adults and older youth. We will learn how to use art as a worship experience. We'll have lunch together and session two will be 12:30-3:00 p.m. for seven year olds through older adults. We will work together to create banners to be used in the sanctuary. No skills required….we will create together. On Sunday, Lisle will be painting the sermon during our worship services. There is no fee but please reserve your spot so we have supplies and lunch for everyone. To register call the church office 410.647.2550 or email Holly Albrecht.

Communion Education for parents and children

Sunday, September 29, 12:30-2:00 p.m. In the Presbyterian Church USA we welcome all to share in communion. All includes children but children come to the communion table with a lot of questions that need to be answered. During this class, we try to answer those questions as well as practice taking communion so that children understand not only what we are doing but why we are sharing in this special meal. Through hands on activities children and their parents will learn about communion, visit the sacristy, practice intinction and passing communion trays. Please call the church office 410.647.2550 or email Holly Albrecht to register. There is no fee. Lunch will be provided. Recommended for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. Children will be welcomed to the table on October 6 World Communion Sunday.

Don’t forget to register for Sunday School!
Due to new emergency procedures we need every family to register their children for Sunday School. Forms are available on the website or at the Welcome Desk.
**Our Church Gardens**

The native plants that have been planted recently in the gardens at Woods were chosen to provide as much wildlife value as possible - flowers with nectar and pollen or berries or leaves that are hosts (food) for the caterpillars of pollinators - and we are seeing some great results!

The first picture is a Common Buckeye butterfly on Black-eyed Susans in the parking lot island. The host plants for the Common Buckeye caterpillars are plantain and plants of the genus *Agalinis*.

The second picture is a Variegated Fritillary butterfly on the coneflowers and zinnias in another parking lot island. The host plants for the Variegated Fritillary are the Common Blue Violet and purslane.

Butterflies need nectar for food, and host plants on which to lay their eggs. We are happy that our grounds and gardens support both the adults and the caterpillars of these beautiful creatures! (Photos by Nancy Lincoln-Reynolds, Karen Royer and Bob Royer).

The third picture is a Painted Lady Butterfly on a Purple Coneflower. The host plants for the Painted Lady caterpillars are thistles, mallows and legumes.

The fourth picture is a Black Swallowtail butterfly feeding on milkweed in the Rain Garden. Host plants for Black Swallowtail caterpillars are Queen Anne’s Lace, dill, parsley and fennel, which can be found in the Bible Garden on the east side of the Sanctuary.
**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Can we “needle” you on becoming “hooked” on this ministry?

If so, please join us on the second Saturday morning of each month 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in room 150

The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are dedicated volunteers who are proud to be part of the pastoral care of Woods Church. We knit, crochet, and pray over both prayer and baptismal shawls. Although, we don’t know who the recipient might be, we pray that each one is cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

**PWOW BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES**

Kick Off will be Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the first lesson in "Love Carved in Stone", a study of the Ten Commandments.

Please bring a dish to share for lunch after the lesson.

All ladies are welcome. Come out to explore this exciting Bible series and meet new friends.

**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 click here or contact Bill Hadley.

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 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 here.
Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of Session in August:

- Kick-off Sunday is September 8. All the ministries are preparing fun and informative events.
- Adult Education will offer two classes this fall: Invitation to Psalms in September and October and Israeli-Palestinian Relations in November.
- The Property Ministry will start the Capital Infrastructure Campaign in September which is co-chaired by Bob Royer and Dave Bremer.
- The Mission Ministry will divide the October 6, Peace and Global Witness Special Offering in the following manner: 25% to ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together), 25% to the Baltimore Presbytery to support its’ peacemaking work, and 50% to PCUSA for peace and reconciliation efforts around the globe.
- Families with Children and Youth and their Families proposed a motion for Emergency Procedures which was passed.

Heart-to-Heart

Heart-to-Heart is a women’s study group that meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 9:30 a.m. starting September 17. Enjoy the opportunity to learn and connect with other women. Heart-to-Heart. Free childcare is provided for participants. For more information contact Lindsey Hemelstrand.

Do you know your peaceful neighbor? Consider joining The Peaceful Neighbor, a class led by new Associate Pastor, Jacob Snowden, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, starting September 24 at 10:00 a.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 “radical and subversive” edges of his faith and life. By considering the biography of Rogers, we will explore topics such as vegetarianism, pacifism, race, and gender, all the while considering the role kindness and grace in our lives and his. Contact Jacob Snowden with questions or for a book reference.

Courtney Ducharme Ordination

The ordination of Courtney Ducharme will be September 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited. Courtney has been a member of Woods for 38 years. After her retirement from the United States Air Force, Colonel Ducharme came under care of Woods session as a Candidate for Ministry graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary in May. She is currently on the pastoral staff of Lee Health System serving as chaplain at the Golisano Children’s Hospital in Ft. Myers, Florida. Come and help us celebrate the occasion. a reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. To read more information on Courtney click here.

The Love and sympathy of the congregation *

- Stacey Anderson-Milot, and family, on the death of her father, Ed Anderson
- Margaret Huddleston, and family, kirk Huddleston, Kris McNally and family, on the death of husband and father Maynard Huddleston
- Family and friends of Leroy McIntosh

*Information is current as of August 26, 2019