



Woods Chips

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you were able to take a minute or two while our national Church's General Assembly was meeting to check the proceedings online and get a glimpse of the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of the leaders of our Church from around the country for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can find out more about what was decided at General Assembly on August 29th at 11:00 am, when Bill Starke, one of the elder commissioners sent from our own Baltimore Presbytery, will be here at Woods to explain some of the major decisions to us.

In the meantime, it is summer, so why not take some time to mix your Presbyterianism with some fun? Yes, Presbyterianism can be fun! Our Church's magazine, Presbyterians Today (available in our church library) recently published a list of Presbyterians in the movies. (See the June/July issue). So when the weather gets too hot and humid, come inside and rent one of these movies, and discover how Presbyterians and Presbyterianism have appeared on the big screen:



“Changeling” (2008)

In this Angelina Jolie movie about a mother's fight to find her kidnapped boy, the crime-fighting minister who comes to her rescue, Gustav Breigleb, is a Presbyterian!

“A River Runs Through It” (1992)

A Presbyterian minister's two sons explore adolescence and fly fishing in Montana in this movie based on Norman Maclean's

autobiography.

“North Avenue Irregulars” (1979)

Disney produced this quirky but fact-based movie about the North Avenue Presbyterian Church's pastor who enlisted his Women's Association to launch an anti-gambling campaign in town.

“A Man Called Peter” (1955)

Richard Todd plays U.S. Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall (a Presbyterian) in this film version of his wife's best-selling book.

Enjoy! In Christ,

Egale H. McLean

Save The Date!

Kick Off Sunday – September 12, 2010

While planning your summer getaways, mark your calendar for a great “return” event: **Kick Off Sunday – September 12, starting** with the 8:00 am Communion Service; 9:30 am Traditional Service, and 11:00 am Contemporary Service. **Then at Noon to 2:00 pm** there will be a family picnic, the official ribbon-cutting at the new Woods Counseling Center, activities for youth, and lively music by the Woods and Hispanic Praise Teams.



Families with Children's Ministry

Pam Fusting, Director, Kathie Hamlett, Childcare/VBS Coordinator



Thank you to all who have served as Summer Sunday School leaders this year! You are truly appreciated! Summer Celebration continues at 9:30 am through July 25.

Cribbery will be offered all summer during all three services. **Remember there is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for toddlers-5th grade during August. We encourage you to bring your child/ren to worship. The children's messages will continue at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.**

Looking Towards Fall

Fall Church School Registration Letters will soon be mailed to every family. Please take the time to fill out the forms and return to the office as soon as possible. Your registration will help us establish attendance lists for each class and order supplies appropriately. This also gives our teachers and Shepherds an idea of who they will have in their classes, so that they will be able to greet them on that first Sunday. Our 2010-2011 term begins with Kick-Off Sunday, September 12.

Mark your Calendars...

Thanks to all who have signed up to teach this coming year in our Church School Program! Please plan to join us for a brief, informational meeting on Sunday, August 29, at either 9:30 am or 11:00 am. We will review curriculum, responsibilities, and



Sunday School policy and procedures. Also, we invite all Sunday School teachers to attend the Blessing of the Educators Sunday on August 22 at the 9:30 am or 11:00 am service.



Our "High Seas Expedition" was a wonderful week of fun and faith building for more than 160 children! The VBS week requires lots of work ahead of time, so special thanks for all of the "behind the scenes" work done by the **VBS Station Leaders**.

Thank you too, to all of the parents, grandparents, friends and youth who volunteered to help this past week! Approximately 100 people stepped in to lead the children in their week of faith and fun! Thanks especially to the **Crew Leaders** who were shepherds for the elementary kids and many thanks to the **Preschool room helpers** too.

It was so inspiring to see so many people of all ages (11 years old to 83 years young!) who wanted to share their love, energy and faith with the children in such a fun way! Thanks a lot to the entire Woods staff for their love and support of the VBS program.

Many thanks for a great week, and blessings to all of you!

Vacation Bible School Mission Project

The Vacation Bible School mission project this year involved collecting supplies and making pillows and blankets for the Baby Pantry in Annapolis. GREAT NEWS! We collected an overflowing playpen full of supplies to help the youngest in our county.

Many thanks to all of the VBS families for contributing to this program which enables families in crisis, to receive assistance when they need it most. Thank you for sharing your blessings and showing our VBS kids that we love God by serving others.

Remaining Teacher Needs:

We look forward to serving your children and His children with you this coming year! *Your participation is critical* in providing a wonderful, fun, Christ-centered program. We are still looking to fill the following positions:

9:30 am

Cribbery (1 additional leader needed)

Toddlers Class (2-3 leaders needed)

Preschool 3's/4's (1 additional leader needed)

Kindergarten (2 leaders needed)

Grades 4 & 5 Shepherds (This is a **non-teaching role**; Shepherds attend their class' workshops and are the "extra pair of hands" for the workshop leaders.)

Grades 1-5 Workshop leader openings still exist for October – May. Teach a Bible Lesson in the format that you love (art, science, games, video, cooking, music, storytelling) for a one-month time period!

11:00:00 am

Toddlers Class (2-3 leaders needed)

Pre-k through 1st (2 leaders needed)

Grades 2-5 Workshop leader openings still exist throughout the program year.

Contact Pam Fusting in the church office or at pfusting@woodschurch.org.



Adult Ministry
Rev. Elizabeth McLean

DISCIPLE

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

DISCIPLE is coming....

Summer is halfway over, which means before you know it it will be time to think about the next school year. At Woods, we are all students whether we are 8 or 80 because that's what "disciple" means. We are students of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of the Gospel. The best way we have to learn about Christ is by reading the Bible, which records God's relationship with humanity over thousands of years. If you are like most people, however, you probably do not know the Bible as well as you would like. That's where Woods can help.

Every year we offer a small group Bible Study called Disciple 1, which allows you to cover *Genesis* to *Revelation* in 34 weeks, basically the length of the regular school year.

You will meet with a group once a week, and through conversation, video and regular Scripture reading, discover not only more about the richness of the living Word of God, but also how to deepen your relationship with Christ. And you'll make lasting friendships in the process!

Dick Willis and Jim DeGraffenreid will be leading this year's Disciple 1 Group on Monday nights. Registration will take place the Sundays in August in Fellowship Hall. Because we can offer only one group this year, spaces are limited and will fill up fast. Why not make this your year to connect with Christ on a deeper level? With everything that is going on in our world, we all need God's presence in our lives more than ever.



Local & World Ministry

Sheila McPhee, Director

Malawi Mission Trip

On September 1, 2010, four people from Woods, Sher Atkinson, Pat Johnson, Kris McNally and Marsha Taylor, will set out on a two week mission trip to our mission partner Ministry of Hope in Malawi, Africa. They will be visiting and working with the staff in the crisis nurseries and the feeding centers which offer not only food but educational opportunities to the children who come there each day.

There is a need for scientific and some basic calculators for the children there. If you have a scientific calculator that is no longer needed please consider donating it with a new battery since these are expensive. Also needed are 6 late model, gently used digital cameras. We are also hoping to take around 6 lap top computers. If you have upgraded to a new model and have a fairly recent, fully operational gently used laptop which is Microsoft compatible, please consider donating that for the children of Malawi.

Any questions – call or email Pat Johnson 410-544-3718 schatz3718@msn.com.

School Supplies for Glen Burnie Park Elementary

Mark 10:13 - 14 And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up and taken cards to purchase supplies for needy children. However we have many more children still to help and we need your participation to fulfill this need! So if you have not already done so, please come to Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday and pick up a card for one of the children listed, purchase the supplies and return them to the Church by August 15th.

Youth News



Middle School Youth

Sunday School Classes for 6th and 8th grades

See you on Kick Off Sunday, September 12, 2010 for Fall Sunday School on Sunday Mornings 9:30 am in the Holy Grounds Building. Registration forms can be found at www.woodschurch.org. Click on the Youth Page. Any questions e-mail Christie ccory@woodschurch.org.

High School Youth

Sunday High School Bible Study for 10th -12th grades.

See you on Kick Off Sunday, September 12th, 2010 for Fall Sunday Bible Study on Sunday Mornings 9:30 am in the Youth Room. Registration forms can be found at www.woodschurch.org Click on Youth page. Any questions e-mail Christie ccory@woodschurch.org



Baysox Faith Night, Tuesday August 10, Tickets \$10.00

Pre-Game Christian Rock Concert Starting at 4:00 pm

Ball Game Starts at 6:35 pm

Includes: Pre-game Concert, Lower Reserved Seating, Post Game Fireworks! Contact Christie for info at ccory@woodschurch.org or 410-647-2550.

Great Escape Commissioning

Sunday, July 25th 2010

11:00 service



We would love for you and your family to join us in worship on Sunday, July 25th, at Woods Church for the Great Escape commissioning and blessing during the 11:00 service. See you there! 410-647-2550 or ccory@woodschurch.org



Girls in the Middle

Dear Parents & Family,

GITM will meet on **Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am at Woods Church**. The dates for summer meetings are July 25th, August 8th, and August 15th.

It is our hope that we will continue GITM during the school year meeting once or twice a month to continue to provide support and encouragement as well as fellowship activities. I would also like to offer the girls a chance to go visit the middle school they will attend with some 7th grade "veterans" before school starts for a small guided tour. Based on the interest and availability of the girls, we will set that up closer to the start of school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns! Peace & Blessings, Sue Hannahs shannahs@verizon.net 410-974-0211.

Check out the Woods Youth News

www.woodschurch.org

Stay up to date with what's happening in Youth Ministry at Woods.



WoodsWork Reunion

Join us at Zimmerman Hall for the WoodsWork 2010 Reunion on August 8th from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm.

Confirmation 2009 - 2010

Keep the Confirmation Class of 2010 in your prayers!
Welcome them as Adult Members of Woods Church.

Confirmation Calendar of the Class of 2011:

Great Escape July 26 - 31, 2010

Confirmation Orientation Sept. 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Confirmation Class begins Sept. 12, 2010 at 9:30 am

Confirmation Fall Retreat October 1 - 3, 2010

Any questions?

E-mail Brandon bbrewer@woodschurch.org

Wood Piles

Fall High School WoodPiles Bible Study Starts Back Tuesday, September 21, 2010.



WoodPiles Bake 'n' Bible for High School Girls Only starts again on Thursday, September 23rd, 2010.



Thank You

Dear Woods Family,
I would like to thank the ministers, deacons, and the many friends who prayed, called, or sent cards during my recent medical procedure. Your acts of care and concern meant so very much to me. Thankfully, I am doing very well. Blessings to all. Jan Head.

TO Woods friends and Staff:
I would like to thank Rev. Nancy Lincoln Reynolds for visiting me in the hospital and leading us in prayer prior to my surgery. It is very assuring and comforting to receive the Lord's blessing. I would also like to thank the staff and friends for their best wishes and encouragement. It was heartwarming to receive a beautiful prayer shawl. I am sure the prayers that were knit into the shawl will help sustain me during my recovery. Bob Sacha.

Dear Woods Friends,
My heart felt thanks for your cards, calls and most of all your prayers when I underwent cardio-thoracic surgery recently. Every one of them was deeply appreciated. The deacons were very faithful in following up on my recovery; Tom Decker brought flowers and visited.
Unbeknownst to us, our beloved Floyd Churn came to the hospital early on the morning of my surgery to offer comfort and prayer. Since I had already been wheeled away, he was invited into the OR for a prayer there. Not an every day occurrence at Washington Hospital Center! My husband, sons and I thank him profoundly for his effort and thoughtfulness.

The prayers were answered; I am now in Cardiac Rehabilitation and doing well. Thank you all!
Lovingly, Libby Richter

From The Church Garden



Undoubtedly with all the snow and cold weather and rain we had this past winter, your family was able to catch up with reading all the books on your shelves, cooked every recipe in your cookbooks, completed all the projects in the "Things To do" books, and now as you clean and sort, please set aside the books in a corner for the Fall Bazaar. ALL books are welcomed, from ABC's to extra Bibles, to mysteries and Zoology subjects. Also, don't forget those WHITE Elephants that you find, and set them aside too, because the zoo keepers in that department will be looking for them in November.

Interested in Environmental Issues?

The Environmental sub-committee of the Peace and Justice Committee invites you to come and join others who share our interests and concerns about our care for creation at an exploratory meeting on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 pm in the Founders Room. All ages are welcome! For more information, call Susan Schmidt (410 647-4902) or Julie Erickson (410 849-8077). We look forward to seeing you there!

ChrisCare

ChristCare and Fitness

Many health experts define fitness in terms of 4 dimensions. They say that total fitness (i.e. wholeness) requires addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual areas of one's life. This might be accomplished by working out at the gym (physical), joining a book club (mental), having team building sessions at work (emotional), and attending a meditation class (spiritual).

However, if time/schedule is a problem, you may want to consider a 4-in-1 approach. Participation in a ChristCare group includes mission projects (physical), Bible/book study (mental), sharing/caring (emotional), and worship/prayer (spiritual). In addition, the synergy that is generated among all the members with Christ at the center of the group may produce surprising results.

There is no guarantee that you will become totally fit in all 4 dimensions, but considering the economy of time and potential side benefits, it might be worth a try.

Woods New Member/Inquirer Classes



Our next session for new member classes will begin with a Dessert Social on Monday, October 4th at 7:00 pm.

You may attend two one-hour classes on Sunday October 10th, and Sunday, October 17th, from 9:30-10:30 am, or one class on Tuesday, October 12th, from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The New Members/Elders Dinner will be on Wednesday, October 20th, at 6:00 pm and you will be welcomed into membership on Sunday October 24th, at either the 9:30 or 11:00 Worship Service.

For more information, please contact the church office.



BAPTISMS

Listed below are baptism dates for the summer:

Sunday Baptisms	Baptismal Conference
July 25	Monday, July 19
August 22	Monday, August 16

If interested in having your child baptized, please call the church office.



Congratulations to:

- Jeff and Coleen Taegel on the birth of their son, Finnegan John Taegel, on June 8, 2010. Mary Guy is the proud grandmother.



Stamps for the Presbyterian Home

The residents of the Presbyterian Home in Towson are requesting that we save all of our envelopes that we receive in the mail, put them into bags and drop them into the Stamp Barrel that is located next to the Food Barrels in Fellowship Hall.

The residents cut and package the cancelled stamps and sell them to brokers. The residents also collect Campbell Soup Labels and (General Mills) Box Tops for Education. The proceeds are used for the upkeep of the Presbyterian Home. Many thanks!

Congratulations to:

- Christian Benefiel and Elizabeth Moorthead, who were married in Queens Anne County on June 24, 2010. Kirk and Donna Benefiel are the parents of Christian.



The Love and Sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- Zaida Gilmour and family on the death of her husband, George Gilmour.
- Susan Gallant and family on the death of her mother, Janet Howell.

Book Of Saints

Looking ahead to 2012 and the Church Centennial, we need to remember those "Saints" who brought our church to where it is today. As we go back into the necrology of the early 1990's, it is difficult to find surviving family members. Please volunteer any clues you may have on Saints of Woods to our committee members: Mary Conker, Sue Hammel, Betty Maas or Judy Smith. We are eager to have biographies on as many "saints" as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, call Theo Blaney in the Church Office. The cost is \$20.

News from Music Ministry

Summer Family Choir



The Summer Family Choir has begun and will continue through August 22nd.

I encourage you to join us for a few weeks and see how much fun you and your

family will have being a part of the Music Ministry at Woods!

We meet in the Choir Room at 8:45 am to practice the anthem for the 9:30 service. We will be singing fun and exciting music that will not be too difficult. The Summer Family Choir is open to all Woods members and friends of Woods from 4th grade through adult.

Come and bring your whole family to sing praises to God as one voice!! There will be **NO** Thursday rehearsals for Summer Family Choir.



Woods Coed Softball – July 25

Team #1 (Charlie Floyd 443-994-1474) will play

Team #2 (Steve Anstett 443-838-1459) at Cypress Creek #1 at **2:00**

p m for a make-up game. All are welcome to play; you must reach your 16th birthday by 12/31/10 to play (no upper age limit!).



From the Church Library

Summer Reading Books

Check out books and take them to the pool, beach, mountains, your deck, etc., and relax and read. There are many good "reads" in the Church Library.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 22nd

Fun In The Son
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 23rd

Fun In The Son
7:00 pm WoodsStock rehearsal

Saturday, July 24th

7:00 pm WoodsStock
8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, July 25th

Baptism Sunday
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 am Communion Service
8:45 am Summer Family Choir
9:30 am Summer Sunday School
9:30 am Cribbery
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
9:30 am Adult Ed Summer Class
9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Cribbery
11:00 am Contemporary Service
12:00 noon Great Escape Leaders' Meeting
2:00 pm Pastoral Nominating Committee Retreat
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, July 26th

Great Escape
1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:30 pm PNC
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)

Tuesday, July 27th

Great Escape
10:00 am ChristCare (Connolly)

Wednesday, July 28th

Great Escape
9:30 am Bazaar Meeting
10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study

Thursday, July 29th

Great Escape
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 30th

Great Escape

Saturday, July 31st

Great Escape
8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, August 1st

Communion Sunday
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Summer Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Ed Summer Class
9:30 am Cribbery
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Cribbery
11:00 am Adult Ed Summer Class
11:00 am Stephen Ministry Peer Review
11:00 am Contemporary Service
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, August 2nd

9:00 am Woods Summer Camp
1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:00 pm Peace and Justice Meeting
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)
7:30 pm Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesday, August 3rd

9:00 am Woods Summer Camp
10:30 am ChristCare (Connolly)
7:30 pm Human Resources

Wednesday, August 4th

9:00 am Woods Summer Camp
10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm Ministries

Thursday, August 5th

9:00 am Woods Summer Camp
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
11:00 am Louise Grauch Memorial Service
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00-8:30 am Monday-Friday-Private

Prayer /Meditation in Sanctuary

©Indicates Child Care provided. Reservations required.
Please call 48 hours in advance.



Fall BreadBreakers

Fall BreadBreakers is a group of people who meet once a month for dinner and fellowship. Everyone brings a dish to share and the host for that month supplies the main course. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, grow together in friendships, and share a wonderful meal.

The different groups will meet from September to December, once a month. Groups are made up of eight people (singles are welcome!). Sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more info about BreadBreakers, direct any questions to Janet Kamischke at 410-729-3968.

Woods Chips Schedule
Next Woods Chips will be mailed out August 2, 2010. Check Woods Web Site for info and updates at www.woodschurch.org



WoodsStock

July 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm

This year WoodsStock will present unique performances of praise in music and in dance. Praise Teams from Woods and Wayman Good Hope will be joined by the Jamaican dance troupe from our sister church in Jamaica, Meadow Brook, as well as Casa de Bendiciones from our own Hispanic congregation here at Woods.



Ticket donations are \$5 (a limit of \$15 per family) and will support *Building Life*, a project for the prevention of teen suicide in Anne Arundel County.

This is a rare opportunity to take part in a blend of culture and talent - so don't miss it. Buy your tickets early as we have limited capacity in the sanctuary!

Check out Woods Web Site

www.woodschurch.org

Sunday sermons are available online
(text and audio).



July 25, 2010

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism Sunday

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

August 1, 2010

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service