



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY

July 12, 2015

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

Adult Education only

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July 19, 2015

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

Summer Church School

ADULT SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

- July 12: Special Music
- July 19: Intergenerational Class on Technology
- July 26: Connection with our Church Family

Calling All Previously-Ordained Deacons! Do you miss greeting our church family at the Centre St. door? Do you want to lend a hand in a Deacon ministry or event? The current Deacon Board is seeking willing hearts and hands to assist with ministries and events, from helping with a specific ministry to filling in to greet people on Sunday. No meetings required! If you are interested, please contact any Deacon.

CHAPERONES NEEDED: The Youth Group is seeking chaperones willing to drive and be present at the following summer events:
7/25 - Beach Day in Ocean City
8/29 - Kayaking and Tubing
There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel for each event.

FROM THE PASTOR...

The Book of Order is explicit in its stewardship emphasis:

"Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God's gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to minister to and share with others in the world. Tithing is a primary expression of the Christian discipline of stewardship."

"Those who follow the discipline of Christian stewardship will find themselves called to lives of simplicity, generosity, honesty, hospitality, compassion, receptivity, and concern for the earth and God's creatures."

"The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship, the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him, and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods."


The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be having an Every-Member Visitation during the September Stewardship campaign. Each family of the church will receive an in-home visit from an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee. The visit will be an opportunity to learn about the current ministries of the church, ask questions and receive the Stewardship packet with a Pledge card. The purpose is to get commitments from all members in the life of this congregation. We are asking members to commit to sharing their treasure, their time, and their talents in the mission of the church.

If we believe that the mission of the church is to "make disciples" and to teach people to obey the commandments of Christ, we have to remember that Jesus also said: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me ... For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" (Matthew 16:24-26). Exciting things are happening in this Presbyterian Church today as we put a new emphasis on stewardship in its fullest dimension — which includes a person's time, talent and treasures. We are

focusing upon tithing time, tithing talent, and tithing treasures. We are emphasizing that Christian living necessarily involves Christian giving; and I hope that each member will prayerfully consider how they will deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Christ into serving our community with their time, their talents and their treasures!

*In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.*

**COMMUNITY
DINNER**



Thursday,
July 9, 2015
August 13, 2015
5:30 P.M.

*Join the church and
community for a time of
delicious food
and fellowship!*

G.W.C.M. FOOD BANK: Even though summer vacation is upon us, the Food Bank never goes on vacation. Please remember to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring them to church on Sunday for those in need in our community.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Les Parkin (7/12) and Carla Coar (7/19)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

FALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:



**The Gospel of MATTHEW
One King to Rule Them All
Thursday Evenings
7:00 – 9:00**

The Gospel of Matthew introduces us to Jesus Christ from a unique point of view. What was the life of Jesus about? Who was he? Where did he come from? What were his message and purpose for the Jews? For everyone else? Join us as we meet Jesus, consider his purpose, and think about his call to us personally. Please call Church Office to R.S.V.P. for this Fall Bible Study.

September 10 - Lesson 1

What's in a Name?

What's Distinctive About Matthew?

September 17 - Lesson 2

Baptism & Temptation

September 24 - Lesson 3

Teachings & Healings

October 1 - Lesson 4

Lord of Heaven & Earth

October 8 - Lesson 5

Son of God, Son of Man

October 15 - Lesson 6

Triumphal Entry & Last Supper

October 22 - Lesson 7

Arrest & Trial

October 29 - Lesson 8

Crucifixion & Resurrection

IDEAS ARE BEING GATHERED for our 300th Anniversary Celebration in 2021. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact our co-chairs, Jack Hill or Linda Blackwell.

TWO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS



**It's Coming... Day Camp this summer!
August 3-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church of Pitman
Lunch & Programming provided for
Pre-K - 5th grade**

Join the enthusiastic & loving staff of Camp Johnsonburg as they bring a traveling day camp program for V.B.S.! Each day (Monday- Friday) will include worship, arts & crafts, small group Bible study time, games, nature study, and more special experiences. Registration forms are in the Chapel. **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, ONLY 45 SPOTS TOTAL!**

COLOSSAL COASTER VBS: The G.W.C.M. VBS will be held August 4-6 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 at Kemble Methodist Church. Join them as they host a Colossal Coaster VBS program for 4 years old through 6th grade. There will be Bible studies, crafts, games, and music. For more information, contact Melanie Beasley at 686-1646. Registration forms are available in the Chapel.

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLOSSAL COASTER VBS! Even if you can only come one or two days, we can use your help. Please consider coming if you have the time. Volunteers age 18 and older will have to undergo a background check (at the expense of their church). For more information, contact Melanie Beasley at 686-1646.

NEEDED - 2 A. C. UNITS: The Deacons are looking for 2 A. C. window units. If anyone has a used air conditioner window unit that they could donate to someone in need, it would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Les Parkin 381-1514 or Andy Tighe 542-4016.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2015

	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget	% Used
INCOME			
Pledges/Contributions	\$137,518	\$278,202	49%
Per Capita	\$ 4,997	\$ 5,000	100%
Loose Plate	\$ 3,004	\$ 5,000	60%
Interest	\$ 79,486	\$130,000	61%
Donations	\$ 780	\$ 4,000	20%
Church School	\$ 35	\$ 100	36%
Total Income	\$225,820	\$422,302	53%
EXPENSES			
Ministerial Expenses	\$120,910	\$242,541	50%
Program Expenses	\$ 9,833	\$ 25,395	39%
Office Expenses	\$ 38,892	\$ 74,596	52%
Building Expenses	\$ 65,899	\$116,351	57%
Benevolence Expenses	\$ 31,932	\$ 55,380	58%
Total Expenses	\$267,466	\$514,263	53%
Difference	\$ -41,646	\$ -91,961	

THE KITCHEN downstairs was renovated at a cost of \$50,991. This was paid for by a \$10,000 donation from the Women's Association and the remainder from the Memorial Fund.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy and Jack Hill upon the death of her mother; Beverly Rosell in rehab. (Sewell); Kay Black, Larry Geiger, and Harriett Crockett. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Nathan Wadding, JJ Cunningham, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JULY 12 - 18, 2015

Sunday:	9:00	AM	Prayer Time
	9:30	AM	Worship Service
	10:30	AM	Called Session meeting
	11:00	AM	Adult Education only

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JULY 19 - 26, 2015

Sunday:	9:00	AM	Prayer Time
	9:30	AM	Worship Service
	11:00	AM	Summer Church School
Wednesday:	1:00	PM	Sr. High Youth Small Group <i>at Lauren's</i>
Saturday:	9:00	AM	Youth Beach Day, <i>Ocean City, NJ</i>
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