



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY

Father's Day
June 21, 2015

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Seraph Choir

11:00 A.M.

Adult Education

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June 28, 2015

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

Summer Church School

Youth Silent Service Auction:

Thank you for you bids! Over \$1,400 was raised in the Auction, which will be used to help fund our 2016 Youth Mission Trip.

Calling all previously serving 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.



THE SUMMER OF GOD

First of all, I am not privy to any incredible event that I found decoded from an ancient text, which is about to occur soon. I also clearly recognize that God is the God of all seasons and all creation. The title is a reference to (Are you ready, Seinfeld enthusiasts?) an episode where George proclaims in all his selfish aplomb that "This will be the summer of George!" It will, he hopes, be 3 months of everything centered around him and his wishes.

I thought as we finish up the Church School season, high school and college graduations, and start planning our vacations and get-away-from-it-all trip, perhaps our plans might include not just things that revolve around our wishes regarding rest, leisure activities, beach or mountain trips, or just time away. I wondered if we might actually incorporate some innovative ways to connect to our ever-evolving faith journeys and how we might better follow paths that Christ has taught us about. Here is a sampling of those thoughts:

- Some of us have planted flowers and shrubs, created gardens or even places to grow produce. Might we, at least a few times a week, grab a lawn chair and sit among those "creations" to read our Bible or daily devotional.
- Maybe there is not big planned Mission Trip on the immediate horizon; so why don't we find our own. We could prune our neighbor's hedge, help an elderly couple with their trash or go food shopping for them from time to time, or we could check in with the Trustees about upcoming in-house projects at church.
- Perhaps some of our Small Groups shut down for July and August, so why not explore some new small groups like reaching out to connect with family and friends we haven't seen in months and perhaps revitalize relationships?

The possibilities are endless, and many of you may have some great ideas as well that you could let us know about. There is also the good news that worship services continue each and every Sunday. If you might have family or friends visiting, bring them to

church so we can get to know your extended family.

Ironically in the Seinfeld episode, everything goes wrong for George and he even winds up incapacitated in the hospital at the end. The episode closes with George lying on a stretcher lamenting, "This was supposed to be the summer of George!" His motives and our motives are clearly different. If complacency sets in or we keeping putting off intended actions, come September, we just might find ourselves looking back and lamenting as well - "This was supposed to be the summer of God".

Here's to your summer and all the joy and peace and love that it brings in Christ.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Minister of Congregational Care

COMMUNITY DINNER



Thursday,
July 9, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

ADULT SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

- June 21: Death and Scripture: How do We Understand This?
June 28: Service of Witness to the Resurrection
July 5: Music for Worship Services
July 12: Special Music
July 19: Intergenerational Class on Technology
July 26: Connection with our Church Family

TWO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS ARE AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER!



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, group 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 noon at Kemble Methodist Church. Join G.W.C.M. 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). Expect to feel God's presence as you share His love with the children. For more information, contact Melanie Beasley at 686-1646.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carissa Reeder, this year's recipient of the Plag Scholarship! She plans to attend Rowan College of Gloucester County in the fall.

CHAPERONES NEEDED: The Youth Group is looking for a few good chaperones willing to drive and be present at the following summer events:

- Beach Day in Ocean City – June 27
- Sr. High Pool Party at the Mixners – July 11
- Beach Day in Ocean City – July 25
- Kayaking and Tubing Trip – August 29

There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel for each event.



RIVERSHARKS GAME: Join us for a Camden Riversharks game on Saturday, June 27 at 5:35 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot at 4:15. A sign-up sheet is in the Chapel. For more info, call Lynn Dickerson (423-3759) or see a member of the Membership and Outreach Task Force.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to provide dinner for the Senior High Small Group meetings in July. Dinner is needed for 5-12 people on July 1 and 22 at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel.

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.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Maryjane Duble (6/21) and Connie Tighe (6/28)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Beverly Rosell in JFK (Sewell); Larry Geiger, John Davis, 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: JUNE 21 - 27, 2015

Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
Father's Day	9:00	AM	Prayer Time
	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Seraph Choir
	11:00	AM	Adult Education
	10:00	AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
Monday:	10:00	AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
Wednesday:	6:30	PM	Sr. High Youth Small Group
Saturday:	9:00	AM	Youth Beach Day, Ocean City, NJ

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JUNE 28 - JULY 5, 2015

Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
	9:00	AM	Prayer Time
	9:30	AM	Worship Service
	11:00	AM	Summer Church School
Monday:	6:00	PM	Youth Group Movie Night
	7:00	PM	Deacons
Friday:			Church Office Closed
Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
	9:00	AM	Prayer Time
	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Communion
	11:00	AM	Summer Church School

