



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Sunday
July 9, 2023

10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM
Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday
July 16, 2023

10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM
Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday
July 23, 2023

10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM
Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday
July 30, 2023

10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
Sacrament of Communion
11:00 AM
Coffee and Fellowship



FROM THE PASTOR...

SABBATH: A DAY OF REST!!

In the New Testament the theme of Sabbath as a source of freedom and renewal finds expression in the passages that describe Jesus' teachings on Sabbath. Clearly, he is an observant Jew and goes to the synagogue on the Sabbath. But he also teaches that rigid legalism is contrary to God's intention, saying, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27).

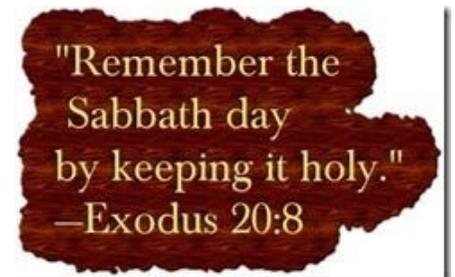
Sabbath keeping is not something we do in order to please God; it something we do because God knows it will make us whole, restore our spirits, and renew our lives. It may help to be reminded that Sabbath keeping was not only about a day of the week. It was a principle in the ordering of time itself, extending outward to the seventh year, when debts were to be forgiven and the land allowed to rest. It extended even further to the jubilee, or 50th, year, when all people were to be freed and ancestral land holdings were to be restored.

Presbyterian Pastor, Kris Haig states in a *Presbyterian Outlook* article that "Perhaps most importantly, the Scriptures teach us that Sabbath keeping is a community practice and not simply a matter of personal piety. The cultural forces of our time would have us believe that our happiness lies in a lifestyle of constant work and "productivity,"

punctuated by frequent binges of shopping." The Bible says otherwise: that our true happiness comes only from God and with God. Therefore, let us as faith communities pledge to support one another in our commitment to "remember the Sabbath" and to rest in our Savior who is himself the Lord of the Sabbath.

With this in mind, let me invite you to join your church family for weekly worship on Sunday morning at 10:00am -a time of sabbath of worship and rest!!! Summer should not mean a break from gathering with this community, but an opportunity to praise a God who invites us to rest weekly, so that we might faithfully serve beyond the Sabbath. I hope to see you on Sunday mornings during July and August!

In Christ,
Phil



LOT 323 SUMMER CONCERTS
SCHEDULE:
LOCATION: 115 S Broad
Street, Woodbury
TIME: 6:00PM - 9:30PM
July 7th, July 14th, July 21nd

COMMUNITY DINNER

July 13, 2023
5:30 PM - Eat In

HELP AND FOOD ITEMS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, clean up and to provide dessert for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

BIBLES FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS: In June, the Christian Education Task Force gave Bibles during the Worship Service to the following children:

3rd Graders:

Jordan Hill

Jackson Clancy

4th Graders:

Patrick Seeburgh

Jax McIntyre

Lily Landis

Anthony Payne

5th Graders:

Nathan Clancy

Grace Landis



Prayer Gathering

Thursday, July 20th
at 7 pm in the

Church Prayer Garden

Please join us for a time of prayer for our neighborhood and larger community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES:



Ben Oehler – West Deptford High School
Chris Gould – Deptford High School
Larry Diehlman – Rowan University

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marie Kuhnel, Janet Muhm. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.



SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION for August will be held on **Sunday, July 30th**. Session approved the date change because of August vacations.

SUMMER CAMP

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

SUMMER CAMP: The C. E. Task Force gives scholarships to children of the church going to Christian camps in the summer. Contact the church office for more information.

GIVING STATEMENTS: A statement of what you have given to the church for the first 3 quarters of 2023 will be mailed out in early October. If you would like an update before then, please email Kathi Lynch at kathi.lynch@pcwoodbury.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
September 10th
RALLY DAY!

