

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us! To aid you in our liturgy, we want you to know that the following is our custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*" We encourage you to stand for singing if you are able as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen.*" All worshippers are encouraged to *sign* the *Attendance/Friendship* pad, *greet* your friends, and *welcome* visitors.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS,
and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops)
are available from the ushers.

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Ushers	Kat Gormley, Akiko Endo, Cameron McManus, Jordan McDaniel, Will Fortune, Caleb Rapkins, Anna Lowery
Greeters (8:30 a.m.)	Ginny Johnston, Mia Day, Alanna John, Charlie McDaniel
Sanctuary Guild	Jo Anne Kinnamon
Chair Lift (11:00 a.m.)	Brett Betsill
Sanctuary Guild	Margaret Beattie
Chair Lift	Lewis Lowery
Nursery	Elizabeth Adams, Garrett John, Liz Thompson, Charlie & Jen Rowe, Sarah Kunkler

(Child Care is provided in the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten.)

The flowers today are given by The Presbyterian Women
in celebration of the wonderful Youth in our congregation.

Bicentennial Moment Participants: Caroline Deaderick, Roy Jarnecke, Brad Allison,
Mary & Vicky Wilder

Capsule of Concern: Bill Nixon, Stacy Lloyd, Charles Kindred, Donna DeSimini,
Vernon Brown, Irene Ahlers

Hospital Visitors 4/27-5/3: Melanie Weart (786-2428) and Pete Beattie (898-4435)

There will be a **New Member Class** on May 11, 18 & 25 at 9:45 am in the Church House, 2nd floor. The class will be introduced to the congregation on June 1st at the 11am service. Please call the church office (373-7057) if you have questions. We would love to have you join us.



Spring Tea
Presbyterian women are invited to the **Spring Tea** today from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Donna and Carter Hudgins – 510 George Street. An offering will be taken to benefit Hope House. Contact Camille McAllister (371-1454) with any questions.

Rebuilding Together: If you missed the Gulfport Mission Trip but are still thinking about helping those in need, mark Saturday, May 3, 8:30am-4pm on your calendar. We are looking for volunteers to help an elderly woman in our community spruce up her house (312 Canal Street). Skilled and unskilled workers are welcome. We need painters, window glazers and carpenters. Scrapers, brushes, lunch and stories about past projects will be provided. You don't need to commit to both weekends; give whatever time you can. Contact Gary Vaughn at 786-4424 or vaughngl@hotmail.com; Pete Beattie at 898-4435 or pbeattie@cox.net; or Steve Spratt at 371-0512. You can also sign up before and after each service at the tables in front of the sanctuary. Hope to see you there.

Community Dinners—If you would like to help with future dinners--May 17, June 21--contact Karen Johnson, 371-2719, ksjohnson422@msn.com.

PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND! Allen and Chris Fisher will host a trip to Israel Jan. 16-26, 2009. Our itinerary will include many important Gospel sites as well as other Old Testament locales. An informational meeting is set for Monday, May 5 at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. Please make plans to join us and learn more about this opportunity.

Mother's Day Cards To Support Malaria Prevention: Presbyterian Women will again offer Mother's Day cards through the Circles, or by contacting Beth Malmquist at nhabe70@verizon.net or 972-1472. Each \$10.00 donation buys a treated mosquito net for use by women in Malawi, Africa. These nets have proven very successful in reducing the incidence of malaria which is spread by mosquitoes. You can honor a loved one and help save lives at the same time. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th.

Art Show: Michael Mathias is holding an art show benefiting Micah Ministries from April 26-May 4. Artwork is by local high school students and all proceeds from sold artwork will go directly to Micah Ecumenical Ministries. Refreshments will be available on opening night. The show will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and following is the schedule of when it will be open to the public:

April 27, 12:30-4:30 pm

April 29, 10 am-1pm

May 1, 10 am-1pm

May 3, 10 am-2pm

May 4, 12:30-3:30 pm

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, April 29 in the Middle House.

Our **Food Pantry** continues to provide food for the hungry in our community. You may support this effort with monetary donations, or bring some of the following items: dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, snacks, cookies, dry milk, baby food and diapers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bob Piersall.

Magazine Collection: Tracey Rembisz is once again collecting magazines to give to the hospital. She will gladly cut your name and address off the cover if you cannot. Please leave magazines in the Cradle Nursery immediately to the left under the shelves and coat hooks. **Important: we cannot accept any catalogs nor any magazines over one year old.** Call Tracey at 548-1813 if you have any questions.

The second payment for the **Montreat Youth Conference** (\$75) is due NOW. We still need at least one more adult to go with us as a chaperone. If you are interested, please talk with Bruce.

The **Senior High Mission trip** is June 21-28 to Rockford, Illinois. We will be doing some home repair and working in soup kitchens and maybe some daycare. We need two or three adult chaperones. If you are interested, please contact Bruce.

Books are needed for the Hope House. Jordan Banez, one of our youth, has asked our church to help provide books for older elementary children and middle school youth – chapter books and novels like Harry Potter. Books for preschoolers and early elementary are not needed. Monetary donations are welcomed. This effort will run through the month of April. You may bring books to Bruce's office during the week or place them in a container outside the sanctuary on Sundays.

On Saturday, May 17 from 9am to 3pm, there will be a **Bereavement Retreat** at the church for members and their friends who have lost loved ones – child, parent, sibling, spouse, etc. There will be some meditation time, journaling, walking the labyrinth, group discussion and Bible study. Lunch will be provided. The Henri Nouwen book, Turn My Mourning Into Dancing – Finding Hope in Hard Times will be read by

participants before coming to the retreat. Bruce will lead the retreat. If you are interested in finding out more about the retreat or signing up, please contact Bruce at 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org. The deadline is April 27.

High school **graduates** are asked to let the church office know by May 18 your graduating information – high school and plans after graduation ie college, job, or military. We also ask those graduating from college or getting a post-graduate degree to provide us with your information by May 18.

The **Pentecost Offering** will be received on Sunday, May 11 at both worship services. Forty percent of the offering will remain local and the Mission Committee will send it to the Rappahannock Area Council for Children and Parents. Ten percent will go to PC (USA) Child Advocacy Ministries, twenty-five percent to support PC (USA) youth ministry programs – resources and scholarships for youth leader training and twenty-five percent will go to young adult volunteer in mission programs. This will be the second year our church has participated in this offering.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (April 27-May 4)

Sun.	4/27		Youth Sunday
		12:30-	Art Show for Micah , Fellowship Hall
		4:30pm	
		2-4:00 pm	Presbyterian Women Spring Tea , (The Hudgins' Home)
		2:30 pm	Divine Harmony S.S. Class , Bach's B Minor Mass
		3-6:00 pm	Godspell Junior Rehearsal
		5-6:30 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		6:00 pm	Youth Supper
		6:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group
Mon.	4/28	7:30 pm	Monday Night Fellowship , Church Parlor
Tues.	4/29	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast , Bob Evans' Restaurant, Rte. 3W
		10am-1pm	Art Show for Micah , Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Worship Committee , Undercroft
		7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee , Middle House
Wed.	4/30	7:00 am	Covenant Group , Middle House
		10am-noon	PW Birthday Skit Rehearsal , Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Meditation Group , Middle House
Thurs.	5/1	9:30 am	Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study , Ed. Bldg.
		10am-1pm	Art Show for Micah , Fellowship Hall
		6-7:00 pm	Bell Choir , Sanctuary
		7:30 pm	Adult Choir , Choir Room
Sat.	5/3	8:30am-4pm	Rebuilding Together
		10am-2pm	Art Show for Micah Ministries , Fellowship Hall
Sun.	5/4	12:30-	Art Show for Micah , Fellowship Hall
		3:30pm	
		3-6:00 pm	Godspell Junior Rehearsal
		5:00 pm	Never Ending Circle , Gail McGhee's Home
		6:00 pm	Circle of New Beginnings , Church Parlor
		6:00 pm	Youth Supper
		6:30 pm	Youth Groups

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS

April

- 27) Patti Myers; Nika Corwin; Kalli Hild; Connor Pugh; Amanda Conway; Gillian Conway
- 28) Jim Jacob
- 29) David Broman; Andrew Steis
- 30) Jeff Eisensmith

May

- 1) Andrew Bernstein; Drew Makovsky; Hunter Tyrrell
- 2) Dee Kindred; Gina Whitticar; Rod Hughes; Betsy Ellis; Jessica Hurlbutt; Peyton King
- 3) Bill Crawley; Samuel Rembisz

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 4

*Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11*