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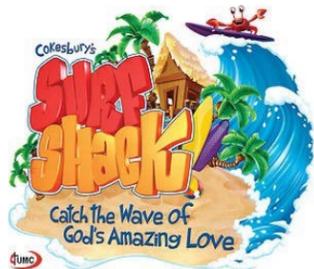
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Vacation Bible School, June 26-30



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 26 - 30, 2016

6:00 p.m.

God Creates - God Loves - God Calms - God Helps

See Maria Cruz to volunteer. Actors needed to show off acting abilities.

Needed: Surf boards, surfing items, beach items like noodles, sand castle buckets, beach balls etc...

At *Surf Shack*, we will have an opportunity to ride the waves with God. During Vacation Bible School at *Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*, we will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and experience God's amazing presence in our lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly at the *Surf Shack*, we, as Surfers, will make our way to the Story Deck to discover amazing Bible lessons. Interactive Bible lessons are highlighted by Wave Words to help us recognize where God is inviting us to participate in God's ongoing creation, and Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with us in our faith long after VBS.

We will make art projects at the Craft Hut, sing new music at Tidal Tunes, participate in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, explore science activities at Discovery Dunes, and enjoy tasty Shack Snacks.



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THE PASTOR'S PEN



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The other day I was listening to *Car Talk* as a podcast, and a caller spoke with Click and Clack about changing her engine oil. She wanted to be "a liberated feminist" and change it herself, which she had never done before. She changed the oil but not in the engine. She mistakenly placed it in the transmission reservoir, which doesn't take oil but fluid. After the car coughed and smoked for a few miles, she drove to her repair shop in order to have the oil flushed out. The engine and transmission were accurately serviced. The whole operation cost her \$150, and the transmission still wasn't working properly.

Now, I don't have a problem with people trying to do things. There are times when I have analyzed situations, and sometime I figured them out and sometimes I messed them up. What got me about the conversation was the caller made the comment "liberated feminist." If it was a guy calling, he might have used the term "rugged individualist" or "macho man," and I would have had the same criticism.

Call it what you like, it sounds to me like selfishness. It is like a person who thinks she or he knows the answers and doesn't need anyone's help. It is like a person wants to be an island unto herself or himself, and doesn't want people to question or correct what she or he has got going. That's how the comment struck me, whether it was meant that way or not.

In the Christian community, there are no rugged individualists or self-sufficient people, male or female. Such people wouldn't choose to be a part of the fellowship, and they would be missing out on a lot. In our community, we depend on each other to learn and grow in all areas of life and faith. We read something in Scripture, and we wrestle together to understand what it says. We pray about something and share the burden or joy with others. If we need help we ask for it. We do not feel embarrassed to get help, and we do not look down on somebody when providing it. Sometimes when I have a question about church or faith, I don't assume my Masters in Divinity and Doctorate in Ministry will naturally provide the answers. I ask certain people for help, and I get great help. Sometimes I have questions about carpentry or plumbing or yardwork, and I know people in this community who will steer me in the right direction. I am truly thankful for them.

None of us can allow pride to block any lesson we might obtain from another person. We cannot allow some social "ism" or intellectual viewpoint or age bias be our excuse for not allowing another person in our lives, who has more experience than we do to get the job done.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor... And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12). "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Philippians 2:1-2). "I pray... also for them which shall believe on me through [the disciples'] word; that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21).

These passages and others point to the fact that God created us for community. We are to be connected to each other, and definitely to God. Changing engine oil, building a cabinet, tutoring a child, offering the message of salvation: these provide chances to express community in all care and compassion. We are teachers and students to each other, and we grow.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Connie Funk (Piedmont Fayette), Sara Ruth Owens, Wayne Goza, Missy Trotter Luce (requested by Anne Fordham), Rev. Ijay Okwun & family, (Ugo Chukwura's brother), Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Rosalyn Boggs, Wes Bradley, Doris Brady, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Barbara Brown, Susan Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Betty Colwell, Craig Coleman, Kayla Coleman, Janis Cone, Tanya Costa, Debbie Crawford, Lei Eason, Daniel Edwards III, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Nolan Grant, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoequist, Otisha Howell, Priscilla King, Stephen Lawson, Leah Lipps, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Maliki Marshall, Jeannell McElrath, Julia McLeod, Linda Morgan, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Jim Mullinax, Nuss Family, Oba Odu, Janice Palmer, Samantha Phillips, Tiffany Pittman, John Popovich, Arolue Prater, John Prince, Beverly Pruet, Rey Ramos, Rob Rathbun, Natalie Sledge, Keith Stanley, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Brian Thraillkill, Franklin Warlick, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Bruce Winkles, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin Brown, Army—Fort Riley, KS; CPL Jaime Brown, Army, KS; Jeremy Butler – Marines; PFC Najee Hall, Army, CA; Kevin Krebs, AK; SSG Richard Venizelos – Air Force, CO. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.*

Charity: Water



Charity: Water. Water is one of those things we sometimes take for granted until it's not there. 663 million people in the world live without clean water. Our donations can help build a well, a piped system, a BioSand Filter, or a system for harvesting rainwater. **Please fill up a bottle of water with your loose change. When your bottle is full of change, bring it back and place it in the well.**



Presbyterian Women: Make sure you give your filled bottles to your circle chair so that the circle gets credit. The circles have challenged each other to collect the most change.

Young at Heart, May 25, 10 a.m.

Holliday-Dorsey-Fife Museum. The Young at Heart will be going to the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife Museum in Fayetteville on Wednesday, May 25. They will meet at the church at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Cost is \$5, plus lunch.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex closer to the date.

Kids' Club Lock-In, May 20-21

Kids Club Lock-In. The Kids Club kids will have their first Lock-In at the church on Friday, May 20, 7 p.m. through Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. Registration until May 8—No Walk-ins accepted. Open to MPC members and MPC Cub Scouts. Please bring sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and a change of clothes. Look forward to games, activities, movies, arts, and crafts.

Santa Claus Express—May Items



Santa Claus Express May Items. We are collecting items for Presbyterian Homes for Retirees throughout the year instead of just December. Each month we are asking for different items. March was toiletries, April was donations of books, games, and puzzles. **May is for Women's socks, pajamas, and knee highs (M-XL).** Please put each item in a zip-lock bag and place them in the sleigh in the hallway.



Mother's Day Luncheon, May 7, 11 a.m.

Mother's Day Luncheon, May 7, 11 a.m. Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch will be on Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. The theme this year is "Anything Under the Sun" If you would like to decorate a table, please see Marie Tuttle. **Tickets are \$12.00.** Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Checks for payment should be made out to *MPC Presbyterian Women*.

Pentecost Luncheon, May 15



Covered Dish Luncheon. Our monthly church family luncheon will be on Sunday, May 15, following the worship service. We will be celebrating Pentecost. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share with your friends and family at MPC.

2016 Nominating Committee

Please be in prayer for our newly-elected Officer Nominating Committee for 2016. Those elected to the committee are: Elders Susie Grant & Rebekah Venizelos (Session), Linda Lillie (PW), Deborah Venizelos (Sunday School), Stephanie Lozel (YAH), Grayson Gammage (Youth), and Felix Cruz (Congregation at Large).

Presbyterian Women

PWCT— May 1, 12:30 p.m. The PWCT will meet in the Pacer's classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, May 9, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on May 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers' classroom. Susie Grant will provide light refreshments and Anne Fordham will have the devotion. The Bible Study will be presented by Linda Lillie.

Dorcas Circle—May 10, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study. Hostesses are Janis Campbell and Mary Nell Winkles. Roxie Romine has the devotion.

Morning Glory Circle— May 22, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on May 22, at 9:30 a.m. **(Notice the new time.)** They will be watching the video for their new book, "Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer.

The Morning Glory Circle will have **Movie Night on Friday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **home of Dianne Hooten.** Light dinner provided. We will watch "Woodlawn."

2016 Graduation

Graduation Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m. Our high school graduates will be recognized on **Sunday, May 29**, at the morning worship service. Our seniors this year are Ashley Brown, Parker Callahan, Tyrone "Nasim" Jenkins, Garrett Johnson, Johnathan Hollis, Ndiya Onuoha, and Amanda Siskey. The Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to a cake & punch reception following the worship service on the 29th.

Attention College Graduates: If you are graduating from college this spring, please submit your information to the church office for publication in the June newsletter



Mission Days—June 20-23



Mission Days in June. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon about MPC's Mission Days, June 20-23.

June 20, we will be helping at Calvary Refuge Center;

June 21 we will have Rainbow House come to MPC to share work/life skills with the children;

June 22 we will help set up for the food pantry here at MPC;

June 23, we will help work at our own Helping Hands Community Food Pantry.

Shine & Dine, May 1



Bring your dirty vehicles to church on **Sunday, May 1**, for the youth to wash while you dine on baked potatoes with all the fixings, salad, and dessert.

All donations received go to help our youth attend The Great Escape and Fun in the Sun—two wonderful, spiritual retreats. Our youth have been attending these summer retreats for many years.

The Great Escape (June 12-17) is held at Lee College in Cleveland, TN. It is for middle school students.

Fun in the Sun (July 11-16) will be held at Hilton Head, SC. It is for high school students.

Youth from all over the United States attend each of these camps to enjoy fun, fellowship, special speakers and bands, and most of all, to draw closer to God. Many lives are changed because your contributions make this experience possible for more of our MPC youth. Gifts may be given at any time for the **Youth Scholarship Fund** to help more youth attend. If you would like more information on either of these fine camps, or if you have not yet signed up, but would like to attend, please see Andra Gammage.

Thank you!

From Twarna Johnson & Kids Club Team... On behalf of the Kids Club team, we would like to thank the congregation for supporting our fundraiser. We raised \$609. This is our future! Thank you for investing in our kids. Thanks!