



We are pleased to report that our own Rev. Eric Douglass made a presentation recently at the International Biblical Literature Conference, held in Helsinki, Finland. For more details, see the article in the Weekly Email or the blog post on our website.



Everyone is invited to attend "Living Life Abundantly," our Presbytery's Annual Retreat. It is being held on September 27th, at Camp Hanover, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.presbyteryofthejames.com/fall for more information.

Our Prayer List

- *Ann Saunder's* daughter *Kathy Chism*, in serious condition after a bad fall and medical complications.
- *Liz King*, as she recovers from her successful knee replacement surgery.
- *Christy and Jeff Presseau* as Christy is in need of a kidney transplant.
- *Summer Foley*, her family and her father, *Bruce*, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer as they make decisions for treatment and care.
- *Sue Hornstra* as she anticipates another surgical procedure and further treatment for cancer.
- *Robin Edwards* and her *father*, who is struggling with health issues
- *Hellen Carter* and *Janice Reagan* as she continues to care for her mother
- *Whit & Mary Whitley* (the parents of Carole Wagner) ● *Nancy Bias* (sister of Dan Douglas)
- *Michael Chandler* ● *Harriet Knox* (mother of Carolyn Shute)
- Those in our congregation who are unavailable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.
- Our nation, its leaders and our troops serving around the globe.



Sunday, September 2, 2018

IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY – WELCOME!

We are so glad you're here with us. Please sign the guest register with your contact information so we can thank you for being with us today.

We are a community of faith seeking to follow Christ. If you are looking to follow Jesus in your daily life with the support and fellowship of a company of believers, you have found the right place. If you seek to commit to active involvement in worship, service and study, we invite you to join us in membership!

Thank You to Today's Volunteers!

Ushers/Greeters: *Jean & David Tostenson*

Communion Servers: *Jay Bernsley, Jeff Sigmon, Cheryl Cage, Bob Stanford, Cindy Parcell, and Stan Parcell.*

Lay Reader: *Margaret Elliot*

Flowers: *Kim & Steve Chau*

Refreshments: *Margaret & Mike Elliot*

Sound Board: *Frank Willing*

Our Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

Missions Team: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Room

Worship Service: Sunday, September 9, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Mission Sunday - Worship Service: Sunday, September 16, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Session: Monday, September 17, 7 p.m., Pastor's Office

Worship Service: Sunday, September 23, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Deacons: Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m., Rowe Room

Worship Service: Sunday, September 30, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. This 5th Sunday service will be in the Celtic tradition.

Today...

...is our **"Food for Thought" Sunday** when food items are donated to the Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and Shepherd's Way Relief Center

... come and enjoy refreshments, after the Worship Service, in the Laburnum Commons.

... the nursery is open for children up to 4 years of age (Children's Sunday School is on a break for the summer.) After the Children's lesson, all children 5 years and older will remain in the sanctuary during the service. Activity bags are available in the narthex. On Sunday, September 9th, the children will begin a series on Gratitude in the Children's Sunday School.

This Week's NEWS...

The weekly contribution amount needed to meet budget is \$4,783, which enables us to continue to do God's work in the community. Last week we received \$2,262.00.



We are pleased to announce that Christopher Speaks will be joining our staff soon, as our new Seminary Intern. Look out for more information on Christopher and his family!

Deacons Elect Officers

At its recent meeting, the Board of Deacons elected Jay Bernsley as Moderator, Doris Willing as Vice Moderator, and Mary Gayle Brittingham as Secretary. Please join us in expressing appreciation to these individuals for their willingness to take on these leadership roles in the life our Church. Indeed, we are indeed grateful to all the Deacons -- including members Tina Egge, Cheryl Gage, Faith Harmon and Myrna Worrell -- for their essential role in providing support to members of the Congregation who are dealing with cares and concerns in their lives.



SAVE-THE-DATE: Bridal shower for Danielle Jolliffe on Sept 9th immediately after worship everyone is invited for refreshments and then all ladies are invited for games and gifts in the Rowe room! Danielle is registered at target and bed bath and beyond.



The ladies of New Hanover have come up with another good reason to gather and celebrate. Debbie Blackburn will become a grandmother in late September -- so to celebrate this, we will recognize and celebrate Debbie with a Grandmother Shower on Sunday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pasta House, 8196 Atlee Road. Please plan to join us. RSVPs and questions may be directed to Pat Davis at pgdavis23116@comcast.net