

Our Prayer List

- *Donna Headley* will be starting chemo on October 15th and would be grateful for your prayers.
- *Liz King's* grandson, *Shawn Campbell*, and his Special Forces company. Shawn is on his third tour.
- *Cindy Parcell* as she recuperates after her medical procedure.
- Comfort to *Robin Edwards* and her family following the passing of her father, *Edward Smith*, on 9/18.
- *Ann Saunders'* 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.

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NEWS



Sunday, October 7, 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: *Thomas Raper & Jay Bernsley*

Lay Reader: *Christopher Speaks*

Communion Servers: *Pat Davis, Thomas Raper, Carolyn Shute, Cindy Parcell, and Jay Bernsley*

Adult Sunday School Facilitator: *Eric Douglas*

Children's Sunday School: *Andrea Young*

Flowers: *Doris & Frank Willing*

Refreshments: *Doris & Frank Willing*

Sound Board: *Thom O'Brien*

Our Week at a Glance

Adult Sunday School Starts (Book of Revelation): Sunday, October 7, 10:50 a.m.

Missions Team: Monday, October 8, 6:30 a.m., Rowe Room

Communication Team: Monday, October 8, 6:45 p.m., Pastor's Office

Women's Study Group: Tuesday, October 9, 6:15 p.m., Rowe Room

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Choir Warm-Up: Sunday, October 7, 8:50 a.m., Choir Room

Worship Service: Sunday, October 14, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Holy Hops! Men's Group: Tuesday, October 16, 6 p.m., Steve Chau's home

Today...

... is our **"Food for Thought" Sunday.**

... the children, from ages 4 to 10, will continue with the series on **Gratitude in the Children's Sunday School.**

... please join us for refreshments and fellowship, after the Service, in **Laburnum Commons.**

... join as at **10:50** as we begin a new Sunday School class, focusing on the **New Testament book of Revelation.** Our goal is to understand the author's meaning-what he is trying to tell us. However, this book is often read in ways that miss the author's meaning. Indeed, we considered titling the class: "How to Not Mis-Read the Book of Revelation"!

Such readings are very popular, and generally focus on identifying historical events that fulfill the visions in Revelation. But if the book is about modern events, then it was irrelevant to its original audience. Clearly, this is not right!

Revelation was supposed to be meaningful to the original audience, as well as the modern audience. In this first session, we will focus on examining how to read Revelation, with the goal of allowing the author's voice to emerge for us in ways that are loyal to the author, and relevant to our time.

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 \$2,329.

Women's Study Group

On Tuesday, October 9th, the Women's Study Group (Women's Bible Study) will begin again. We will be meeting the same time and place as last year, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:15 in the Rowe Room. ALL women are welcome - no reservations needed, nor does one have to attend every gathering.

We will be studying the book, Stages of Faith, by James Fowler. This book will enlarge your understanding of faith and the various ways it gives your life meaning and depth beyond the conventional religion and belief definitions.

Books will be available near refreshments. Class leader Rev Terry Diebold urges you to read the Introduction and Chapter One before we meet on the 9th. This is not a difficult book but each chapter is packed with new concepts and ideas. If you have questions, contact Terry Diebold at (540) 455-4186 or email her at terrydiebold@gmail.com.



We call the first Sunday of each month "Food for Thought" Sunday, because it is the designated service for collecting food items for local organizations that need food to help men, women, and children in need.

The MCEF and SWRC donation boxes in our Narthex. You can drop off food items at our church office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday.

MCEF

The Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) **food pantry is in need of items: canned & boxed potatoes (all varieties), pork & beans, canned pasta, pancake mix, and syrup.**

SWRC

The Shepherd's Way Relief Center antry is in need of ready-to-eat foods: peanut butter, Vienna sausages, instant soup bowls, canned ravioli, tuna, crackers, etc. **The featured need for October is Protein Bars.**