



# NEWSLETTER

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### *From Pastor Carrie*

Greetings!

This month is a month that will stay in my memory for various reasons. All month, the images kept bombarding the airwaves- some more graphic than others:

- homes literally under water up to their rooftop from hurricane Harvey;
- Cars and people swept away by the raging floods;
- White people marching in the streets of Charlottesville with Tiki torches chanting slurs and raising Confederate and Nazi flags;
- A woman run down with a car because of hate;
- Testing of nuclear weapons by North Korea;
- The DACA policy under siege;
- And now the threat of one of the strongest hurricanes on record with another one right behind it.

How does one make sense of these images and events in faithful ways?

Of course, prayer is a powerful way to respond- both for the victims and survivors and for those we don't see eye-to-eye with. And something that one of our co-moderators of the PCUSA, Jan Edmiston, blogged about one time helps to orient my thoughts and actions:

*"Look for the helpers."*

Helpers are everywhere, if but we just look. We see the owner of a furniture store open his doors so that those who had no home anymore because of the floods could have a comfortable place to sleep- not cots, but real mattresses! We see first responders risking their own lives to save others. We see ordinary people who happen to have fishing boats take to the streets turned rivers to rescue those stranded. A pastor going car to car in waist deep waters making sure that no one was left behind. (Does this remind anyone of the story that Jesus talked about in leaving 99 sheep to go find the one!) We see impromptu singing breaking out in shelters to lift the spirits of others. We see image after image of strangers helping strangers no matter what. We see ministers marching in DC on the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic march on Washington and his "I have a Dream" message. (I was a part of this – a first for me!) We see a moving and defiant memorial service holding up the themes of equality and justice. We see people behind the scenes scrambling to keep the peace so that WWII doesn't break out. We see churches and families opening their places and homes as sanctuary for others.

We see everyday people standing up and supporting those children, who are now adults having lived in the US for most of their lives, who are threatened with deportation.

Look for the helpers, because then you get a glimpse of the characteristics of God and what Jesus was talking about all throughout the Gospels:

Grace, Mercy and Love.

Let's put these into action.

Blessings,  
Carrie

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## *Upcoming & Recurring Events*



The **Choir** meets every Wednesday at 2pm at Jane Dassen's house. Contact Jane at 301-948-9816 if you're interested in joining.



The **M&Ms** (Mission and Merriment group) meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month in Pollock-Williams Hall, from 11 am to 1 pm. At each meeting, we start with a devotion, have a brief business meeting and then make two fleece blankets. Each month, two blankets are made for baby cribs, and two are for youth-sized beds. These blankets are given to a pregnancy center and the Children's Advocacy Center, both in Frederick.

Some members of M&Ms carry out knitting and crocheting projects at their homes, making prayer shawls and hats for those who lose their hair due to chemotherapy. The prayer shawls are given to anyone struggling with illness or loss. The hats are distributed to oncology units and cancer treatment centers and anyone who wants one for a friend or relative.

Contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 if you are interested in receiving any of the items we provide and for more information.



**Lunch Bunch** meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at *Dutch's Daughter* in Frederick. For reservations, contact Mary Virts at 301-972-0161 by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Men's Fellowship** meets the second Saturday of each month, now at **IHOP** in Germantown. We welcome all men to join us for a hearty breakfast, devotion with discussion and good conversation. The next gathering is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am. For more information, contact Rowland New at 301-882-7151.



**Soul Sisters** will meet Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at *Grill Marx* in the Clarksburg Village Center (near Harris Teeter). Come join us anytime between 6:30-9pm for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.

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The children are back in school and CE is ramping up for an exciting year. We have a busy month ahead of us.

We will commission our teachers as we celebrate Rally Day this Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. After the 9:30 service, please join us for a pancake breakfast in Kerr Hall. The CE team will meet with parents and kids that evening from 5-7pm for a pizza dinner.

This year we are using a rotation model with the Deep Blue curriculum. Over the next 7-8 weeks, kids will explore the story of Paul preaching about the Fruit of the Spirit using art, cooking, games, mission, science activities and spiritual practices, as well as story and drama. Children will attend the beginning of the 9:30am worship service and then meet downstairs for class time from 9:45- 10:30. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pastor Carrie or Dee Smith.

Our annual Lock-in is planned for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6:30pm in Kerr Hall for dinner, games, a movie, and of course kick-the-can.

We are planning the youth trip to visit Brambleton Presbyterian Church and the corn maze in October.



On September 6<sup>th</sup>, the **Adult Study Group** will begin a 3-week study by C. S. Lewis. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material.

- Study 1: Does Conversion Change Your Personality?
- Study 2: How Literature Leads Us to God
- Study 3: Finding Peace in a Time of War



The movie **The Shack** is a major motion picture that takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey after suffering a family tragedy.

Join us for a 5-week series on love, forgiveness and connection with God starting with an all church movie night on Friday 9/22 @ 6pm in Kerr Hall.

Small groups on Sunday evenings at 5pm and Wednesday evenings at 7pm, as well as a sermon series, will begin the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Youth will also be studying these themes in the coming months.

**Sign-up Sheets for the study groups are in P-W Hall. Bring a friend!**

# Youth Group Schedule

## Fall 2017

Sun, Sept 10	9:30am Worship- Rally Day and Pancake Breakfast 5:00-6:30pm- Youth Kick-Off- Bring Your Parents!
Sat - Sun Sept 16-17	6:30pm- 9:30am- Lock-In 9:30-10:30am- Worship- Youth Lead Worship
Fri, Sept 22	All Church Movie Night- The Shack, 6pm *Check with your parents about watching this PG-13 movie
Sun, Sept 24	5:00-6:30pm- Small Group Study- Part 1- Place TBD
Sun, Oct 1	9:30-10:30am- Youth Lead in Worship: World Communion Day 5:00-6:30pm- Small Group Study- Part 2 and 3
Sun, Oct 8	8:30am-4:00pm- Brambleton Worship and Corn Maze
Sun, Oct 15	5:00-6:30pm- Small group Study- Part 4- Place TBD
Sun, Oct 22	5:00-6:30pm- Small Group Study Part 5- Place TBD
Sat - Sun Oct 28-29	6:30pm -9:30am -Lock-In- Hillbilly Hangout 9:30am- Youth Lead in Worship- Reformation Sunday
Sun, Nov 5	12:30-2:00pm- Walk For the Homeless
Sun, Nov 12	No Youth Group
Sun, Nov 19	5:00-6:30pm- Game Night and Advent Prep
Sun, Nov 26	No Youth Group- Happy Thanksgiving!
Sun, Dec 3	5:00-6:30pm- Advent Prep
Fri, Dec 8	Tree Lighting- Time TBD
Sat, Dec 9	Craft Fair- Time TBD
Sun, Dec 10	5:00-6:30pm- Advent Prep
Sun, Dec 17	9:30-10:30am- Youth Advent Service



## From the Deacons

The Deacons met on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The deacons discussed communion, fellowship, current and ideas for future mission activities and coordinating duties with the Worship and Mission Teams. Help BPC continue to collect A TON of food to distribute to local food banks. Donation tubs are in P-W Hall. As you shop, add a few items for families in need. Most needed are: instant oatmeal packs; brown rice; whole grain pasta; cans of tuna, salmon or chicken; dry or canned beans; peanut butter; canned vegetables and fruit; fruit cups; individual milk boxes and infant formulas and baby foods. Fresh produce from your garden is also welcomed. We are also collecting toiletries to donate to local shelters and emergency assistance programs.

**So far, we have donated 1,472 pounds of food towards our goal of 2,000.**

**Next meeting:** Monday, 9/11 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

## From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees and Session member Doug Fiedler met on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of maintenance projects on the Vail Building that have been completed to date (most of which were listed in the June and July Newsletters) totals \$9,720. Also included in this figure is the cost for covering all fascia boards and the replacement of gutter and downspout. Various painting projects have also been completed. Doug Smith replaced the night light at the entrance door to Vail Building. The septic system was pumped. Individuals who use the Education Building need to be reminded NOT to tape things to the wall because it pulls the paint off.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 9/26 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

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## Hurricane Relief

Many people are looking for ways to help with the hurricane recovery in Texas. The Mission Ministry has a few suggestions for you to consider.

Our denomination responds to storms and helps with recovery long after the danger has passed. If you can contribute money to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, please write your check to Boyds Presbyterian Church and write "PDA Hurricane Disaster" on the memo line. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope with your name and "PDA Hurricane Disaster" on it. All funds collected will be forwarded to PDA and recorded as a special gift on your church record of giving.

Also, a local company is collecting items to be taken to Texas for victims of the hurricane and the flooding it has caused. Moyer and Sons Moving and Storage is collecting supplies such as: bottled water, non-perishable food, toiletries, baby products and cleaning supplies. This will be done through September 21. The supplies will be taken to the Houston area and distributed through food banks. A container will be marked with "Hurricane Supplies" and kept in PW Hall until September 20 if you would like to donate.

More ways we can help others through this time of turmoil and devastation will be made available in the coming weeks and months. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.

The Mission Ministry

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*We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give!*

~Winston Churchill

**Appreciation and Gratitude** to our Session members for hosting one of the August fellowships; to everyone who contributed to the Potluck; to Margaret Leaman for cleaning the church.

Trustee John Burdette would like to thank family members Jim Pedersen, Mark Pedersen, James Marker, Frank Burdette and Bill Cantler for helping him maintain the church grounds. They have accomplished a lot!

**Please contact John @ 240-409-3387 if you can help with occasional grounds maintenance (bush trimming, weed spraying).**



**Fellowship Hosting** is needed during the first three or four weeks of each month. The last Sunday of each month is designated as "Potluck." The sign-up sheet is in P-W Hall. Join with a friend or other family or two to host Fellowship between the services.



## Prayer List

### Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who died during August:  
Patricia Roy, Norma Burgh, Shirley Ashley, Bill Earl, and Jane Fowler.

### Pray for healing:

Gwen Alred; Carlos Aulestia; Arolyn Barjam; Susan Blackman; Greg Boivin; Nell Brewer; Michael Broschart; Helen Burdette; Junior Burdette; Cornelia Burr; Charles Shepherd Burton; Phyllis Staley Catron; Dave & Judy Cullen; Nancy Daughtry; Earl Dillehay; Averi Donat; Billy Dorsey; Harry Dove; Tammy Ernst & Sandy; Sue Gloyd Esworthy; Mollie Genovese; Bruce Gibson; Mary Grafton; Ruth Hoyt; Daniel Inscoe; Carey Beth King; Kaisy Knott; Ted Labbe; Debbie Mantel; Xia Martinez; Carol Nair; Rex Reed; Jim Rhea; Nancy Spring; Bill Yearick; Gene Younkin; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of armed services and their families; members of the pastor nominating committee; residents of Texas and Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Harvey and all those helping with the cleanup; all in the path of Hurricane Irma. Pray for communities and nations recovering from natural disasters. Pray for those recovering from their war wounds, for victims of violence and war throughout the world.



- September 3 – 9:30am Communion, Sundae bar fellowship**
- September 4 – Labor Day (office closed)**
- September 10 – Youth Rally Day, Pancake Breakfast fellowship**
- September 16 – Youth Lock-in**
- September 17 – Youth Lead 9:30am worship**
- September 22 – *The Shack* Movie night**
- September 24 – Church Forum and Potluck**
- September 25 – Newsletter Deadline**



- Sept 24<sup>th</sup>      Where Is God When We Need God Most?
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>        How Does God See Me?
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>        Why Are You Doing This To Me?
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup>      How Can I Know The Heart Of God?
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>      So You Just Let God Get Away With It?

## **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures**

If you contributed pictures for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and have not picked them up, they are in the church office.