

Triumph Newsletter

AUGUST 2021

Upcoming Sermon Series

The new bi-district Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert will be joining us for worship on Sunday, August 1 as she brings a message on 1 Corinthians 13:12 – 3, “**What’s Next: Leading with Love**”. She’ll be preaching about what she sees happening next for the local church, post Annual Conference, post pandemic, and pre-General Conference when the United Methodist Church may be facing a split over the interpretation of Scripture and doctrinal challenges related to the full inclusion of the LGBTQ community. Rev. Calvert believes that the local church must learn to lead with love.

Following on August 8, our Lay Leaders will be sharing several testimonies in worship as they explore Matthew 25:35 - 40 and Jesus’ call for all of us to “**Serve in Love**”. This is one not to miss!

Be Still And Know *New Sermon Series beginning August 15*

This series will explore Psalm 46 in its entirety and challenge us to “be still” during all our days, but especially when we are over-scheduled, self-focused, and feeling anxious. Each of us may come to rest in the truth that God is King and ruler of His universe. The good news is that we experience peace when we know that we can trust Him.

August 15 Be Still and Know REST! (Psalm 46:1 – 3)

August 23 Be Still and Stand on HOLY GROUND! (Psalm 46:4 – 7)

August 30 Be Still and Reclaim Time TO REFLECT! (Psalm 46: 8-9)

September 5 Be Still and Experience NEW LIFE, EVEN IN DEATH! (Psalm 46:10 -11)



Children's Ministry

Hope you are enjoying the Summer! Here are both not-so-great news and great news for you. The not-so-great news is that Summer is almost over. But, don't be disappointed just yet! The great news is that there are many exciting events ahead of us! Here is the list of upcoming events in the month of August. Please mark them on your calendar, join us, and invite your family, friends and neighbors!

August 15th

Blessing of the Backpacks

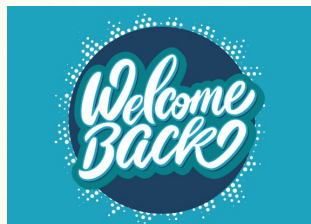


All students and their family are invited to join us for a special time of "Blessing of the Backpacks" during both 9 AM and 11 AM worship services on Sunday, August 15th! Manassas City Schools will kick off a new school year on August 12th and Prince William County Schools on August 23rd. We can't let our students start the new school year without our blessings! Come join us in this special blessing of our students!



August 22nd

'Welcome Back' Sunday



This is a BIG day with lots of FUN! We have prepared many FUN activities, both indoor and outdoor! Depending on your comfort level, you can enjoy the outdoor activities only, or

both the indoor and outdoor activities together. We hope to see ALL of you on this day of FUN! Bring your family and invite your neighbor and friends! We also need help with welcoming visitors! If you are available to help, please contact Pastor Arum.

Here is what's happening on August 22nd:

9 AM: Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10 AM – 1 PM: FREE Foods in the Fellowship Hall

10 AM – 1 PM: Petting Zoo near the church main entrance

10 AM – 1 PM: Balloon Give-Away in the Narthex area

10 AM – 1 PM: Ice Cream Truck & Food Truck

10:15 – 10:45 AM: Puppet Show 1 in the Fellowship Hall

11 AM: Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary

12:15 – 12:45 PM: Puppet Show 2 in the Fellowship Hall

** The outdoor activities may be changed depending on weather.*

August 29th

Back to Sunday Schools

All Sunday Schools for the adults, the children and the youth will be back on this day! Join us as we study the Bible and have meaningful fellowship with church family members after the 9 AM worship service or before the 11 AM worship service. For the children & youth, stay tuned for an email update from Kristi, our interim director of the Children's Ministry and from Pastor Arum.

We are also in the process of planning for other Kick-Off events in September. You will soon hear more about these events from the bulletin and through the church event email!

Student Ministry

By Pastor Arum



**The 2nd "Home" Mission Weekend
Fri, Aug 6—Sun, Aug 8**

supports adults with special needs and their families), Loch Lomond Elementary School, St. Thomas Food Pantry and run a small project for our church member (s) in need. We will also have a fundraising car wash on Sunday, August 8 to raise a fund to purchase necessary items to fill in a new Youth Center! Mark this on your calendar and support our students!

The PACK is currently having a summer break, but we still meet for special activities. The first "Home" Mission Weekend (June 25-27) was a success as you saw all the photos in the July Newsletter! Our students also had a special outing on Sunday, July 18, playing mini-golf and having the best ice cream at Nathan's (check the photos below).

We will have the second "Home" Mission Weekend on August 6 - 8. We will volunteer at Bright Center (a facility in Manassas that



The PACK will have a Kick-Off of both PACK AM (Sunday School) and PACK Night (Sunday at 6 PM) on Sunday, August 29! All the students AND their families are invited to join us! And starting September, we will start a new monthly schedule for The PACK Night:

- 1st Sunday of the Month – Worship Day: Music, Message, and Communion
- 2nd Sunday of the Month – Fun Day: A great day to invite friends!
- 3rd Sunday of the Month – Small Groups Day: Talk about student-life-relevant topics
- 4th Sunday of the Month – Mission Day: Serve our church and our community!
- 5th Sunday of the Month – No PACK Night

As we prepare for a new school year, please pray for our students and adult volunteers (Cheryl & John Rosko, Barbra Almond, Steve Verosko, Ashby Boyd, Elana Verosko, Renee & Rob Kinnear, Perry Bailey, Mandy Burnett, Steve Santee, Peggy Lawlor).

Endowment Giving

Barry Barger, Permanent Endowment Committee Chair

Let us take a look at the **Scholarship Endowment Fund**, which is a recognized category within the four Permanent Endowment Funds. In many ways it is similar in structure to the Mission Endowment Fund introduced to you in July's Triumph.

The **Scholarship Endowment Fund's** principal is restricted to use within the designated fund while the income derived from appreciation, interest and dividends is used to perpetuate the ministries of our church through scholarships awarded to deserving recipients. Examples of educational scholarship support are training in religious studies, first responder skills, social work and similar areas which benefit both the church and community.

Our granddaughter, Alexandra (Alex) has experienced this sort of outreach. Alex lives in the Richmond area and is well into her studies to become a nurse. This last college year, Alex was awarded, through her school, a grant that paid for much of the cost of her textbooks. If you have recently had a student in college from your family, you know that textbooks are no longer a minor expense. We saw first-hand that Alex was extremely appreciative of the help. This is an example of the type of help we hope to provide to applicants to our **Scholarship Endowment Fund**. When funds are available, we anticipate that they will be awarded to applicants from within our church congregation and their families. Awards will be made through an equitable and transparent process.

Considering the COVID crisis that we have all recently experienced, the need for a **Scholarship Endowment Fund** is essential. Please let us all work together to make this a successful endeavor.

Should you have any questions about or interest in contributing to this fund, please contact me through the church office. I very much look forward to hearing from you!

May God protect you and keep you and your loved ones safe. Blessings!

Mission Moments for July



The Missions Council continues to help people throughout our community. In July, we sent 72 backpacks to Loch Lomond Elementary school for the upcoming school year. Money was given to the Community Clothes Closet and to Operation Shoebox for supplies. We are gearing up for our Mission Extravaganza that will take place from the end of September until the end of October. Details to come.

If anyone has any new ideas as to what we can do for the Extravaganza (especially projects for children to do), please send Cathy Campbell an email at sstechur@yahoo.com. All ideas will be considered.

The Food Pantry served 878 families in June utilizing 329 volunteers. The Clothes Closet is open the last two Saturdays of the month with the Food Pantry. Volunteers are always needed for both.

Thank you for your donations to Missions.

Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors (OWLS)

On Friday, Aug 1, the OWLS will have their first adventure since the pandemic began and travel to the beach house of Nancy and Bill Buchanan. We will meet at the church at 8:45 AM and leave by 9:00 AM. We will be taking the church van with seating on a first come, first serve basis. We will also need others to provide transportation. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Nancy and Bill will provide the beverages. Paper products and plastic-ware will be provided.

Please RSVP to Marian Ludlow (703-361-4390) or Lynn Furlong (703-499-0234) by Aug 15. At that time let us know if you need to travel in the van or are able to drive others. We look forward to seeing everyone again.



The Community Clothing Closet

Community Clothing Closet served 119 families in June.

Thank you for your new and gently used donations!



We are in need of the following items:

Men's shirts, all types & sizes

Men's and Women's jeans & new underwear

Youth and Teen clothing

Volunteers are needed!

Can you help one Saturday a month?

Can you take a few bags to the thrift store once or twice a month?

Can you sort a bag of clothing?



If interested in serving, please contact Renee Kinnear at Renee@rrkinnear.com.

News from the Kitchen

We surely did enjoy our Christmas dinner in July! Thanks for helping us end this season of Tuesday Night Dinners on such a celebratory note! We had fun setting up the tree and having Christmas carols playing as we served you. We are thankful for each of you and have so enjoyed greeting you every week as you come pick up your dinners.

We are taking some much needed time off for the month of August and are planning and preparing for the start of Tuesday Night Dinners on September 7th. Please look for details in the September newsletter about our dining in option along with continuing curbside pickup. If you would be interested in helping with our dinners please contact Janel Weed at jbgirl211@yahoo.com.

See you for dinner on September 7th!

The Kitchen Ministry Team

Scenes from Summer Camp

Thanks to Camp Director Sam Spencer and her team for a successful Summer Camp season! Starting with Vacation Bible School through Mad Science, Cook the Rainbow and Theatre & Arts, the church was filled with laughter and fun this summer!

Here are just a few pictures from Cook the Rainbow Camp.

The campers learned about food safety and preparation and even helped with Tuesday Night Dinner.



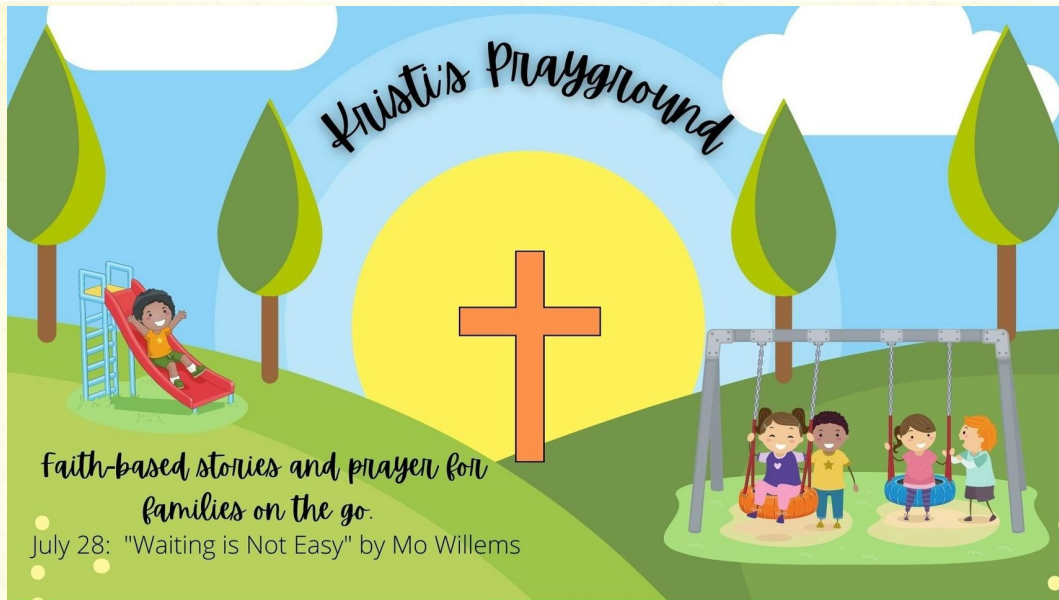
In addition to their work in the kitchen, the Campers learned about service in the Food Pantry



Watch the Children's Message during Worship on August 1 for a presentation by the Theatre and Arts Campers.

August Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Loretta Travis Elanor Doczi Sarah Hammack	2	3	4	5 Chris Fick Bill Goldfarb Ryan Tacik	6 Jessica Thornton Katina Stone	7 Mike Hammond Margarete Hinkle Abby Miller
8	9	10 Virginia Wald	11 Jane Priest Judy Golladay	12 Mary Ella McGregor	13	14
15 Sharon Becker Stephanie Burnett Abigail Palian Joyce Wolfe	16 Kara Crawford Bernice Labrozzi	17 Stephen Verosko	18 Gordon Haines Lauren Young Judy Gallahan	19	20 Billy Beecy	21
22 Lisa Burke Mildred Stokes Mica Lyle Milan Steen John Wack	23 Joyce Hale	24	25 Carly Swanson Doug White	26 Matthew Renfro Joe Steen	27 Sharon Mizelle	28 Haiden Boyd
29 Cheryl Rosko Perry Bailey	30 Vicki Schoch	31 Lynn Furlong				



Kristi's Prayground

Join us for faith-based stories and prayer for families on the go!

These short episodes (15 minutes or less) are produced by Kristi Swanson, our Children's Director, to help spark conversation with your family.

Each Wednesday, (through August 11), we post the next edition of Kristi's Prayground by 10 am on the church Facebook page and our website (on the Children's Ministry page).

A great way to share with friends and neighbors!



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Newsletter Deadline:

15th of the month

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Upcoming Events

- **Aug 6 - 8** Youth 'Home' Mission Weekend
- **Aug 8** Car Wash - Youth Building Fundraiser
- **Aug 13** Kids Care 2
- **Aug 15** Blessing of the Backpacks
- **Aug 22** Welcome Back Sunday
- **Aug 29** Welcome Back to *Sunday School*