

# WEST END NOTES

AUGUST 2019

West End Presbyterian Church ♦ 275 Knox Lane ♦ West End, NC 27376



## SPECIAL DATES

**AUGUST 4**

**8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST**

~ CRAWFORD CENTER

**10:00 AM WORSHIP**

~ COMMUNION

**6:00 PM YOUTH PLANNING**

**MEETING ~ HOGAN**

**YOUTH CENTER**



**AUGUST 11**

**10AM WORSHIP**

**11:00 AM MISSION TEAM**

**PRESENTATION & POTLUCK**



**AUGUST 18**

**10AM WORSHIP**



**AUGUST 25**

**10AM WORSHIP ~ BLESSING**

**OF THE BACKPACKS**

**11:00 AM TEACHER ORIENTA-**

**TION ~ GATHERING ROOM**

**6:00PM YOUTH KICK-OFF**



**AUGUST 26**

**MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**BEGIN**

## ***THE ENERGY TO KEEP GOING***

**(The First in a Four-Part Series)**

In the ordination vows to become an elder or a deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA), there is one question that stands out among the rest. It's my favorite question to ask and to answer: "Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?"

The other questions about the individual officer's beliefs regarding the person of Christ, the Bible, and our Confessions as well as their participating in the work of a church as a colleague in ministry and pursuing the church's peace, unity, and purity are important. But the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love question has always struck me as one of the more meaningful questions. It addresses the attitudes and principals with which we promise to engage in the holy work of participating in God's Mission.

In these dog days of summer, the first of the four words, "energy," has been on my mind. When the air is still, when the cicadas are loud, when the wind is hot, when people are away traveling, my energy drops. Things feel a little stagnate. There are many church plans underway, but coordinating things seems to take more effort than at other times of the year. I'd like to simply spend the long summer afternoons in a hammock with some lemonade and a good book.

Do you ever feel like this? Like it would be great to just take a time-out? Sometimes that is exactly what we need! Taking a break or a vacation restores our energy! But what shall we do when the feeling of stagnation leads to apathy or despair or disengagement?

In a previous church I found myself struggling for a season to maintain momentum for the work to which I'd been called. On one particularly difficult day, I sat down in my office with my dad's old Bible. I didn't have any passage



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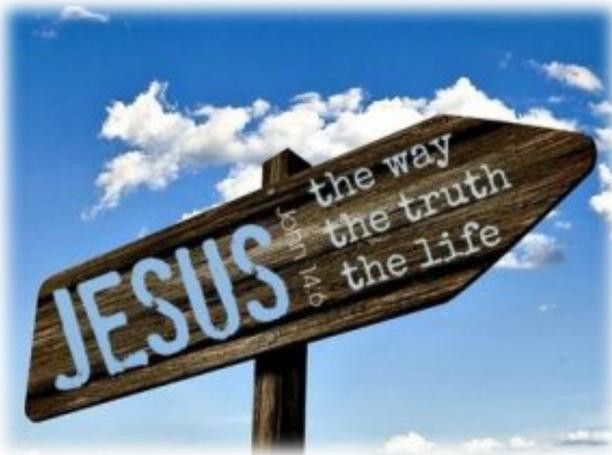
in mind particularly, but mostly wanted to connect with him through his handwritten notes in the margins. That's when my dad's notes pulled my attention to something I needed to know. Above verses John 8:31-32, my Dear Old Dad wrote: "keep on keeping on." The verse reads: "Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

There it was. The touchstone I needed. How do we keep on, keeping on? We continue in Jesus words, the words of life. Our energy for the work of the gospel doesn't come from us, but from the freeing Word of God:

"I am the way, and the truth and the life..." ~ John 14:6 (NRSV)

"...Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ~ John 4:13-14 (NRSV)

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." ~ Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)



"... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,..." ~ Hebrews 12:1-2a (NRSV)

Energy is an important part of the commitment we make in service to the church. It can be hard to stay plugged in unless we continually stay in touch with the reason for why we worship and serve. It can be tempting to disengage when we get busy with other things or frustrated with how long it takes for communities of faith to make plans and decisions. When we are in it for the long-haul, we need to renew that energy, over and over again. We can't depend on one burst to carry us through.

So we come to the well and draw living water.

I like how Eugene Peterson puts it in his paraphrase of Paul's words in 2 Philippians 2:12-13 in *The Message* (emphasis added):

"What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply **keep on doing what you've done** from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, **keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation**, reverent and sensitive before God. **That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.**"

We need practices to empower and energize us: connect with friends, take a coffee break, enjoy a nap in the hammock, but above all, stay grounded in God's word of LIFE! Remember, God's word has POWER! In the beginning, it says that God simply spoke, and creation sprung forth. All of creation comes about by God's good word, including our new creation through Jesus Christ.

Feeling disengaged or disconnected? Keep on keeping on in God's Word of LIFE.

Maggie

Rev. Maggie F. Beamguard



# CALLED TO *Serve*

In the Presbyterian Church we ordain men and women to specific forms of service. The ordained offices of the church go back to the days of Moses, when God ordained 70 elders to share the work of ministry (Numbers 11:16-17), and also to the first church in Jerusalem which ordained deacons to better serve the least of those in their community (Acts 6:1-6).

All are called to serve God in various ways with their gifts, and yet the church has set aside the offices of Ruling Elder, Deacon, and Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament) to serve God's Church through particular functions. Ordination as an Elder or a Deacon is not an honor conferred, nor does it make one holier or wiser; but rather it is a confirmation of one's calling to use his or her gifts for God's church.

God is calling new Ruling Elders and Deacons to serve our congregation. The Church's **Nominating Committee** is responsible for placing nominees for the offices of Deacon and Elder before the congregation. Please consider the requirements below for Ruling Elder and Deacon and, using the form on the back of this paper, recommend members to serve who have demonstrated strong faith, dedicated discipleship and a love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## DEACONS

### ***THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE***

*"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgement should be chosen for this office" (G-2.02).*

#### **Responsibilities of a Deacon:**

To minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith

#### **Other duties assigned by the session:**

- ✦ Attend monthly board meetings

- ✦ Serve on at least one ministry committee
- ✦ Participate in retreats and joint leadership meetings with the session
- ✦ Participate in officer training
- ✦ Serve as Deacon of the Month once a year, including responsibilities during worship
- ✦ Participate in the regular worship life and fellowship activities of the congregation, including special services and events
- ✦ Encourage generosity and faithful stewardship of personal and financial resources

## RULING ELDERS

### ***THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE***

*"[C]ongregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation, but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life." (G-2.03)*

#### **Responsibilities of a Ruling Elder:**

- ✦ Serve faithfully as members of the session, the council of the local church
- ✦ Serve as commissioners when elected to higher church councils, including presbytery
- ✦ Provide for the worship, nurture and service of the people of God
- ✦ Assist in worship, serving as Elder of the Month
- ✦ Equip and renew the people of God for their mission in the world
- ✦ Serve on at least one ministry committee
- ✦ Participate in retreats, officer training and joint leadership meetings with the deacons
- ✦ Participate in the regular worship life and fellowship activities of the congregation, including special services and events
- ✦ Receive new members and review the roll of the active members annually
- ✦ Provide programs of nurture, education and fellowship
- ✦ Encourage generosity and faithful stewardship of personal and financial resources

**Please prayerfully consider nominating candidates by using the form found in the church office or contact Mac Jones, cell 910-995-1745, [rmjones77@nc.rr.com](mailto:rmjones77@nc.rr.com)**

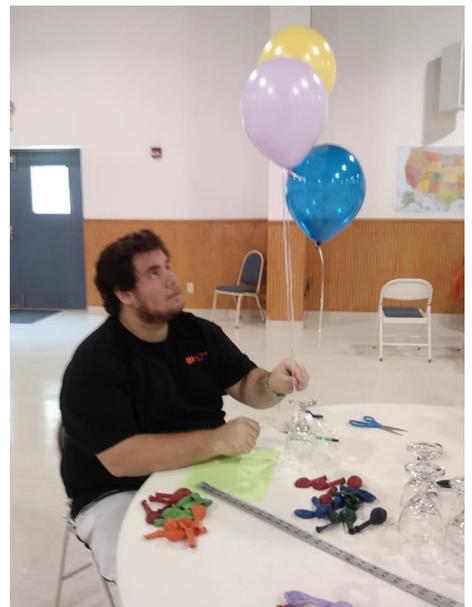
# Thanks to everyone for being the...



# Life of the Party



Dinner Theatre wait staff eager to serve hungry diners!



Counselor Dillon has a lot of hot air!



Campers attentively listening to a daily concert...



We are all created in His image...

**Music & Arts  
Camp**



## A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It's August and that means Rally Day isn't far away and the return to "normal" at WEPC. Soon our choir will be back leading worship, joined by the bells and the sweet voices of our children singing their praises to God.

I invite you all to be a part of the music ministry at WEPC. If singing is your thing but you travel a lot, come anyway. Once a month or every week, there is a seat for you in the choir. Or could handbells be your thing? You don't have to read a lick of music, just be able to count and show up to rehearsals. Are the WOW kids inspiring you to sing or make a joyful noise? Life is better in the choir loft. We simply have more fun *and* we get to wear whatever we want under our choir robes. Join us and I personally guarantee you'll have a great time with some fabulous folks. It's that easy.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT...

WOW CHOIR  
4:30 - 5:00PM

HANDBELLS  
6:00PM

CHANCEL CHOIR  
7:00 - 8:30PM

### IMPORTANT MUSIC DATES FOR FALL 2019:



WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 21  
Choir Kick-off  
Covered Dish  
6:00pm  
~Crawford Center

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 4  
Handbell Kick-off  
Covered Dish  
5:30pm  
~Crawford Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
WOW Choir first day 4:30pm  
~Choir Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
Music Dedication Sunday

*"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him..."*  
Psalm 40:3

Jennifer Thomas, Director of Music

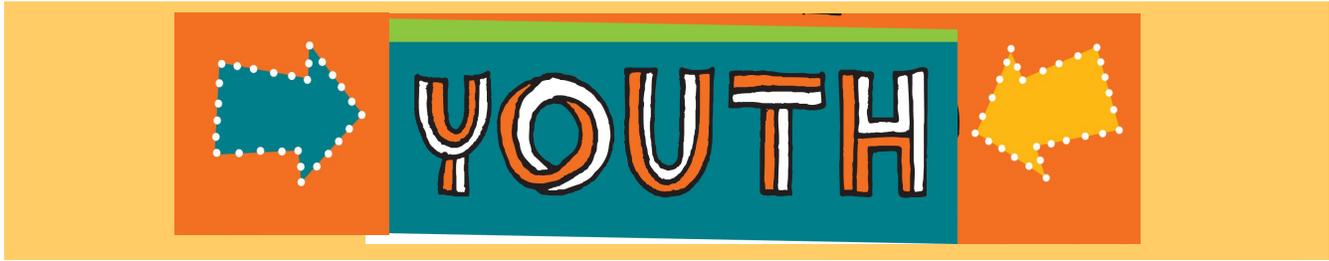
## REGISTER NOW!



It's hard to believe that September will soon be here! The new school year is rolling around and all the activities it brings with it. Just a reminder that WOW registration is available now..... one thing you can do and mark off your list.

Our 2019– 2020 WOW program is scheduled to begin September 11<sup>th</sup>. We have set a limit of 25 participants due to space and staffing constraints as we adhere to our Safe Sanctuary policy allowing for 2 adults with each group. Church members will receive priority for sign-up. However, please sign up as early as possible so we can fill those spots first. There is much preparation involved before WOW begins so early sign-up allows us to have everything ready to go.

Registration packets were sent home with last year's WOW kids but additional packets are available in the office or online at [westendpres.church](http://westendpres.church). Volunteers are always welcome, even on an occasional basis. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Kinney (910-639-2188 or [jacquelineckinney@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelineckinney@gmail.com)).



## YOUTH GROUP

### PLANNING MEETING

Come catch up with your friends and pitch in your ideas for the 2019-2020 Youth Fellowship Calendar! We will meet in the Hogan Youth Center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. There will be pizza for dinner, a few games, and a time to plan! See you there!



### MONTREAT

### YOUTH CONFERENCE

Charlotte Beamguard, Emma Lewis, Victoria Thompson and their chaperones Kelly Wilson and Joanie Jones joined over 1,000 others from all over the country for a week of study, worship and recreation at the Montreat Youth Conference that was held July 21–27.



## FAMILY FEUD YOUTH GROUP

### VERSION KICK-OFF EVENT:

### THE SURVEY SAYS!

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders AND their PARENTS are invited to join us for a feud-filled fun time for our 2019 Youth Fellowship Kick-Off. We will meet in the Crawford center from 6-8 pm on August 25 for dinner and games. The highlight of the evening will be a feud match between youth and their parents. We need all youth and adults to make this a success! It will also be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how youth group works, get the calendar for the year, and learn about some of the fun things ahead. There will also be special swag given out for this event ONLY!



### MASSANETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

This great group of Middle School Youth attend Massanetta July 20 – 23. This unique conference is crafted with Middle School Students in mind. The youth participated in keynote, recreation, encounter groups, and workshops centered on the theme “At the Door.” Through this theme they reflected on how their personal faith journeys are full of many types of doors: surprise doors, open doors, closed doors, big doors, small doors, even revolving doors.



**AUGUST 25 • 10:00AM**

On August 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks during the 10:00 am worship service. This is an opportunity for us to be in prayer for our children, youth, and adults who will be starting school the next day. Everyone who brings their backpack to be blessed will get a special prayer tag for their bookbag that they can carry with them.



This year, we also invite church members to bring donations of book bags and school supplies that can be shared with students in our community. Some of the supplies will be kept here to assist those who seek help during the week at our church office and the remainder will be shared with community organizations.

## **MILESTONE MINISTRY**

On August 25 at the 10:00 a.m. service, we will be recognizing our rising sixth graders as they enter

the milestone of Middle School. The move from elementary school to middle school is a momentous occasion. West End Presbyterian Church will honor this transition for all rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders by presenting them with a 6<sup>th</sup> grade milestone memento during worship that will help them to always remember that they belong to God.

## **CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS & SUBS**

The Christian Education Team will be offering a children's Sunday School Orientation for this coming school year's Sunday School teachers, assistants, and substitutes. The Orientation will immediately follow the worship service on Sunday, August 25 in the Gathering Room. Teachers, assistants, and subs, please join the CE team for light refreshments and a brief overview of the Sunday School Curriculum as well as a time to answer any questions.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
JULY 2019**



Thank you Amanda Brown for sharing these pictures.



West End Presbyterian Church is proud to once again host and participate with Rise Against Hunger in the effort to end hunger by 2030. Faith communities from around the Sandhills are once again coming together and AIMING HIGH in the partnership with Rise Against Hunger.

**SINCE 1998, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HELPED US SEND NEARLY**

**500<sup>+</sup> million meals**

**TO PEOPLE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD**

At just \$.29 per meal, 80% of Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training and a growing focus on the education and

empowerment of women as a key component in the effort to end hunger by 2030.

Please consider a donation towards our meal packaging goal! Mark your calendar and watch for volunteer sign up forms and web links to be available soon!

*Joining Hands to Lend a Hand*

**WHEN:**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2019  
8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM**

**WHERE:**

**CRAWFORD CENTER**

**STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Committee consisting of Bill Eisel (Chair), Mary Price, Amanda Brown, Jayne Lee, Ron Dunning and Virgil Reid held their first meeting on July 17th. The main topic of discussion was a theme to carry out this year's annual campaign. In addition, a mid-year report will be prepared and presented to the congregation to assist with their spiritual giving. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:34)

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Committee has been at work since our appointment in January. Two new members joined the APNC in the late spring to fill the vacant spots.

We invested time and energy in developing our Ministry Information Form (MIF) which was approved by the Session and submitted to Presbytery in late April.

Since then we have been reviewing Pastor Information Forms (PIF) received through Presbytery's matching service and self-referrals submitted by candidates. As of mid-July we have narrowed approximately 30 PIF's down to 5 candidates that we will be interviewing initially by Skype before the end of July.

We will be doing more in-depth interviews, background checks and reference checks during August before determining which candidates to meet in person.

We ask that you keep the APNC in your prayers as we continue to search for the Associate Pastor who will be the best fit for our Church.

**NEW SOFTWARE IN THE WORKS!**

During the summer months we have been changing the software that we currently use. The new software has been selected and approved because it fits the specific needs of West End Pres. Until the conversion is complete, we will continue to use Breeze.

**We will keep you informed!**





On Sunday, August 11 following worship, join the 2019 Mission Team for a Potluck and Presentation of this years trip to Mexico!



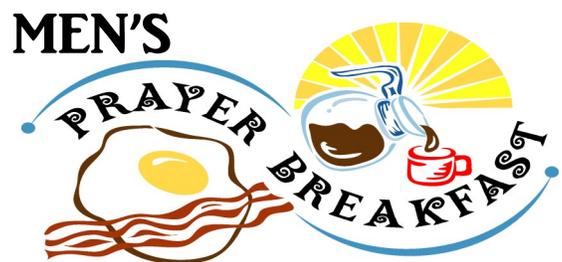
In an effort to care for all of our members, we invite you to share with us when you, a family member or a friend is facing an illness, hospitalization, death or major life transition. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or update someone's condition, please secure their permission and notify us by contacting:

Rev. Maggie F. Beamguard  
843-822-1875  
maggie@westendpres.church

Martha Parker, Office Administrator  
910-673-4341  
martha@westendpres.church

You will find the prayer list attached to the weekly email or you may pick up a copy from the narthex or church office.

WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S



AUGUST 4

8:00AM ~ CRAWFORD CENTER

All men - fathers, sons and friends are invited to come to Priscilla's Kitchen at the Crawford Center for prayer, project proposals and fellowship. The usual breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits and cinnamon rolls is offered for just \$5.00 and the first time is as a guest.



- AUGUST 02 HELEN KOEHNKE
- AUGUST 04 RONALD SHEPARD
- AUGUST 05 JEFF DOTSON
- AUGUST 06 CHRISTINE DOTSON
- AUGUST 09 CATHERINE LOTT
- AUGUST 11 CLAIRE HIGH
- AUGUST 13 SARAH REID
- AUGUST 14 KATIE WYLIE
- AUGUST 16 DAN SCOTT
- AUGUST 17 ELLA MCBRIDE
- AUGUST 21 NITA HARTLESS
- AUGUST 22 DON MCCALLUM
- AUGUST 23 ROGER BROOKE  
FRANK HAYES  
CHUCK WATKINS
- AUGUST 24 BRAD THOMSON
- AUGUST 26 VICTORIA THOMSON
- AUGUST 28 MICHAEL MCCLOSKEY  
CHARLES RUST
- AUGUST 29 WILLIAM SIMMONS



- AUGUST 04 LOIS ANN & BILL EISEL
- AUGUST 05 PATRICK & KATIE WYLIE
- AUGUST 06 EDIE & JIM BARRETT  
JOYCE & DEAN CHARLES
- AUGUST 08 JOANN & NORMAN DYSON  
CHERYL & RYAN FOX
- AUGUST 15 CHRISTINE & JEFF DOTSON
- AUGUST 16 EVELYN & JERRY ARNOLD
- AUGUST 20 ALICE & KENT DROPPERS  
JAYNE & CHIP LEE
- AUGUST 24 LINDA & RON DUNNING  
JILL & DENNIE MCLAUGHLIN

## Communion Schedule

On Sunday August 4, we will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion during the 10:00am worship hour. Please see the Communion Schedule below for other dates:



**September 1**  
**October 6**  
**November 3**  
**December 24**



### AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** LOUISE THOMAS

**DEACON OF THE MONTH:** CAROL McDONALD

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- AUGUST 4 CHARLIE RUST
- AUGUST 11 ADDIE SCOTT
- AUGUST 18 EVERETT THOMSON
- AUGUST 25 CHARLIE MABRY

### NURSERY HELPERS

- | <i>DATE</i> | <i>WORSHIP</i>                                     |
|-------------|--|
| 5           | SHARON BETTINI<br>JOANIE JONES<br>COY PAUL HOLLAND |
| 11          | SHARON BETTINI<br>PAGE BROWN<br>AVA BROWN          |
| 18          | SHARON BETTINI<br>JENNY MABRY<br>KAMDEN LEWIS      |
| 25          | SHARON BETTINI<br>DEBBIE BARE<br>MEGAN KITCHEN     |

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- AUGUST 4 JULIE JONES
- AUGUST 11 JULIE JONES
- AUGUST 18 LYNN GRAHAM
- AUGUST 25 JENNY MABRY



*Mark your calendars!*

**ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES AS WE**  
**CELEBRATE RALLY DAY!**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 10: 00AM,  
WORSHIP MOVES TO 11:00AM!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 <i>Eagle Scout Project</i>
4 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Worship ~ Communion 6:00 Youth Planning - Hogan Youth Center	5	6 10:00 Staff  5:30 Christian Ed.	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship 11:00 Pot-Luck for Mission Team	12 9:00–4:30 Computer Training	13 10:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship 6:30 Deacons	14	15 1:00 Outreach	16	17
18 10:00 Worship	19 6:00 Session <i>September Newsletter Deadline</i>	20 11:30 Staff  <i>Rev. Maggie Beamguard out of the office for Continuing Ed.</i>	21 6:00 Choir Kick-off	22	23	24
25 10:00 Worship ~ Blessing of the backpacks 11:00 Teacher Orientation 6:00 Youth Group Kick-off	26 <i>Moore County School starts</i>	27 11:30 Staff	28	29	30	31  <i>Labor Day Weekend</i>

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



## **THE CHURCH STAFF:**

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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

The church office is opened Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and Friday from 8:30am to Noon.