



Turning Inward, Moving Outward

We're turning inward to reflect on this
summer's adventures in God's world,
from Paris to Pride.

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About the Messenger...

In last month's edition of the Messenger, Ken wrote about one of the oldest prayers of the church: *Veni, Creator Spiritus*: "It's a prayer, as one theologian put it, of 'open surrender to the absolute creativity of God.'" In surrendering to this prayer, "The church will be liberated to be as creative and imaginative as the age demands."

It's a remarkable theme for this season after Pentecost, colliding with our life together in repeated, meaningful ways. The prayer *Veni, Creator Spiritus* can be found at the recent Session retreat, Grace A.M.E. party, Catonsville Family Pride festival, and each of the stories inside these pages.

This theme might also lend itself to the changes you all have weathered so graciously, patiently, and (usually) joyfully. You've noticed changes to the bulletin, updated pages on the website, and new ways of doing things, and I am struck by your forbearance and generosity through those changes.

You've likely noticed a change to the Messenger, too. These changes have been planned with careful thought, attention, and conversation across the church leadership and with many of you in the congregation. Its visual style—colorful, bold, magazine-like—goes hand-in-hand with its editorial style. The writing is more reflective, introspective, and personal, in order to provide an open, conversational town square to deeply engage each other and our ministry. Announcements and event reminders aren't going anywhere (they will remain on the website, social media, the bulletin, and weekly email) but they won't take the lion's share of space in the Messenger. This is becoming a place for us to turn inward, gaze deeply at who we are, uncover who God knows us to be, and move into a deeper, fuller, more meaningful life together.

Finally, the Messenger will be published on a seasonal basis rather than a monthly basis. Its content and tone will flow from the rhythms of the church calendar, a conversation partner with the arcs of the Christian life. Depending on how moveable holidays like Lent, Easter, and Advent align, the Messenger will be published at the start of Advent, Lent/Easter, Pentecost, Summer, and Fall.

Given the Spirit's rambunctious, playful movement in this world, this publication won't stay this way for eternity. But through God's grace and a little bit of patience, the Messenger might be a way for us to pray *Veni, Creator Spiritus* in the season ahead. I hope you'll join in this prayer.

Peace be with you,

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A Beacon of Love and Acceptance

Hollie Einolf

Member of the Catonsville Family Pride Committee

As a member of the Catonsville Family Pride Committee, I was thrilled to be a part of an organization that truly embodies love, support, and acceptance. The Pride Festival, which our congregation co-hosted, exemplifies our commitment to affirming and welcoming all parts of the LGBTQIA+ community. This is especially meaningful given that many individuals within the queer community have experienced religious trauma.

For me, coming out as queer has been a journey of gradual acceptance and understanding. From the moment I disclosed my truth in this congregation—either through personal disclosure in conversation or through word of mouth—I experienced nothing but love and acceptance from this community. However, it was not always this way during my faith journey.

Early on, I encountered the painful realities of the policies in the Presbyterian Church

(U.S.A.) that barred the ordination of LGBTQIA+ people. This discrimination caused me to question my place within the church and contemplate leaving. However, in a moment of tremendous progress, in 2010 the 219th General Assembly approved an amendment paving the way for LGBTQIA+ ordination: a more inclusive and welcoming church. This shift allowed me to feel more comfortable and safe to express my full identity, albeit through cautious and gradual steps forward rather than through a grand announcement.

Our community has become a sacred space for me to experience God's love firsthand. Within these walls, I have come to realize that God loves me for exactly who I am, embracing my full identity. Hosting Catonsville Family Pride serves as a tangible expression of God's love that radiates to our entire region.

Our participation in the event—along with Salem Lutheran Church, St. John's Grace



UCC, and Emmanuel UCC—demonstrates to the world that love knows no bounds. There are religious institutions and communities that are already spaces of acceptance and support for LGBTQIA+ people. For those who may have experienced religious trauma and rejection, our warm embrace communicates a message loud and clear: the expansive realities of sexual orientation, gender identity, and Christian practice can coexist harmoniously. The warm embrace of faith communities at pride festivals provides solace and healing to those who may feel ostracized.

Being a part of the Catonsville Family Pride Committee filled me with immense joy and gratitude for the genuine love and support that was poured into the event. As we stand alongside the LGBTQIA+ community, we are not only affirming others' identities, but

also reaffirming our commitment to a faith that cherishes and celebrates the diversity of God's creation. Together, may we strive to create a world where everyone can rest in the knowledge that we are loved, supported, and celebrated for exactly who we are.





Dismantling Racism Committee Participates in Grace AME Community Outreach Event

Nancy and Bill Henderson

Members of the Dismantling Racism Committee

On Saturday, June 24th, Grace African Methodist Episcopal Church, on Winters Lane in Catonsville, held a community outreach and fellowship event called “Party on the Parking Lot”. The Dismantling Racism Committee of CPC, Grace and Christian Temple was invited to participate and did, along with Baltimore County’s Departments of Aging, Police and Fire Department Recruitment Divisions, and the Department of Housing and Community Development. Various vendors displayed and sold their wares. Hot dogs, burgers, Italian ice and delicious home baked goods were prepared by the members of Grace AME. The crowds were entertained through the course of the afternoon, by singing, dancing and martial arts.

The Dismantling Racism Committee’s table displayed our foldout which highlighted the events and activities in which we have been engaged in the past 5 years. But most of the table was covered with a sampling of children’s books, which were donated to schools, shelters, childcare centers, neighborhood houses and churches, by the “All God’s Children Are Welcome Book Initiative”, of the Dismantling Racism Committee. The goal of the book initiative is to promote, through literature, acceptance of all people,

featuring characters of color and marginalized populations. Many attendees of the “Party in the Parking Lot”, stopped by the table to inquire about our committee and how they could get involved. Others just spent time perusing and reading the books.

Grace AME has just welcomed a new pastor, the Rev. Charles Baugh and his wife, Diane. Ken and Dorothy attended Grace’s community outreach event,

“We can only say thank you and praise the Lord for a grand time of fellowship.”

where they met Pastor Baugh for the first time and exchanged contact information as well as some thoughts on how CPC and Grace may partner in future events and activities.

Following the event, we received a heartfelt message from Bern-El Cooper, Grace’s Community Outreach Coordinator.

“Many thanks to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, its ministerial staff, members and friends who attended and participated in our Community Outreach Fellowship Event. We prayed! Boy, did we pray for good weather, trusting in God. HE truly blessed us. No rain! But, it was HOT!! We believe that everyone and their families had a great time. We can only say thank you and Praise the Lord for a grand time of fellowship.

Hopefully, we will see you all next year at Grace AME Church for Party on the Parking Lot.”

The Dismantling Racism committee received a great deal of positive exposure from participation in The Party in the Parking Lot. This event is one more example of the wonderful partnership that Catonsville Presbyterian Church shares with Grace African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Bern-El Cooper,
Grace A.M.E. Outreach
Coordinator



Addressing Food Insecurity Through Cans and Creation

Ron Gunderson and Jenny Hutton

Why do we address food insecurity?

To start, we confess that the redeeming work of Jesus Christ “embraces the whole of man’s life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.” (*Book of Confessions*, the Confession of 1967, 9.63). The good news of the Gospel isn’t just good news for some eternal, abstract, ethereal realm after death, but it is being born in this world around us. God’s Spirit is upsetting the unjust order of this world, restless for a planet that is saturated by the love, peace, and equity of Christ’s reign. Out of the abundance of our lives—social, cultural, economic, political, scientific, individual, corporate—we are able to participate in this work, too. Addressing food insecurity in Catonsville and our neighboring counties is part of God’s vision for a creation that is marked by abundant life, human flourishing, and shared responsibility for each other’s welfare.

The Presbyterian Church and food insecurity

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is an active initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency that seeks to eliminate the root causes of food insecurity while addressing the immediate needs of communities. The program coordinator, Rev. Rebecca Barnes, describes the unique mission of the church in this struggle: “When people are made poor and vulnerable or reduced to objects of pity, the church builds relationships of dignity and equality among all.”

The Presbyterian Hunger Program administers certifications for Earth Care Congregations, making us a part of this vital work. Earth care is directly related to issues of food insecurity and combats the underlying issues that contribute to it. In the same way that food insecurity is rooted in poverty, violence, exploitation, and greed, it is rooted in pernicious dominance over creation. Through sustainability, education, and advocacy, creation care reduces waste, disregard for natural resources, and often provides direct food assistance to neighbors experiencing food insecurity. As the effects of climate change reach a fevered pitch, earth care makes small but meaningful steps to protect our food supply.

How Deacons are addressing food insecurity locally

The Deacons and the Mission Committee restarted the Friday Food Collections beginning this past May in order to directly address local food insecurity. The two collections in May were amazing, filling two SUVs with contributions that went to the Westowne Elementary School to help families get through the summer months. The June collections went to the food pantry at Grace A.M.E., and as always, they expressed gratitude for the assistance. And July? A remarkable 280 pounds of food given to Catonsville Emergency Assistance.

Our Deacons have steadily strengthened our partnerships with Catonsville Emergency Assistance and Grace A.M.E. and recently

formed a partnership with Westowne Elementary School. Whenever you see food collections advertised by our congregation, those donations are directly supporting our neighbors who visit the food banks. Collaborating with these organizations helps safeguard the effectiveness and impact of these donations, buoying their mission and work in Catonsville.

Be sure to mark your calendars for September 16, 2023. The “Fill The Truck” food drive will be back at the Knights of Columbus. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and all collections will be divided between Grace A.M.E. and Catonsville Emergency Assistance. This drive has been a huge success in the past and really helps the pantries gear up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Consider coming out to donate any non-perishable goods. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please stay tuned for a sign up sheet coming soon.

Creation Care and food insecurity

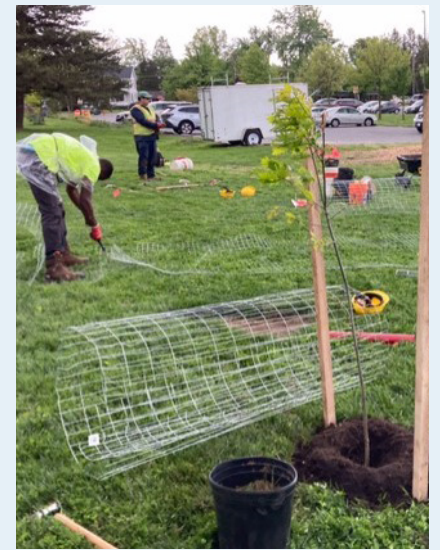
There are more ways to combat food insecurity, too. Consider participating in creation care. Reducing waste, building sustainability, and caring for the natural world helps address the root causes of food insecurity. It protects our planet from the worst effects of climate change, extreme heat, and rising global temperatures. The planet’s ability to produce food is in danger, and we’re all called to soothe its cries.

We began a partnership with Design With Nature last year, and it is now evident in a major reduction in the presence of invasive plants. This partnership is creating an opportunity for the native plants to spread and thrive, key components of a balanced ecosystem that is resilient to climate change.

Another key way to combat our planet’s rising temperatures and its effect on food insecurity is to plant trees. The 30 trees recently planted across our grounds by Howard EcoWorks were faithfully watered during the drought of May and June. They are doing well now that a wetter pattern has emerged. The watering team will continue to monitor the trees and water as necessary. Thanks to this intensive but important labor, 15 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be sequestered from the planet’s atmosphere over the lifetime of these trees (according to the National Forest Foundation). Mitigating the effects of warming temperatures will help avert the worst scenarios for food insecurity, preventing future devastation that could topple global food supplies.

We hope and labor for a better Catonsville

Ending food insecurity is complex, and we may never be able to end it in our lifetimes. But despite the complexity of its root causes, we can strive to weaken its hold in Catonsville and our surrounding counties.



Other Creation Care News

The summer months to enjoy our labor are here. The Creation Care Team worked hard in April, May, and June to prepare for a glorious summer and fall of blossoming perennials and lush native grasses!

Importantly, the garden areas we have created for quiet meditation are available now with shady benches and some in partial shade if you like a bit of sun. Benches are located in the area of the labyrinth, the columbarium, and throughout the sacred woodlands, making these spaces accessible for all.

The Creation Care Team will be working the rest of the season, into the Fall, to care for our garden areas and the sacred woodlands. A gardener’s work is never done!

If you are interested in helping with the church’s beautiful outdoor spaces, contact Ron Gunderson (cinron.md@gmail.com)



Retreat Reflections

Howie Nixon | *Member of the Session* ▶ I have had mixed experiences with retreats of various kinds in the past, and I was uncertain I had time for this Session retreat. My wife Sara and I had returned from a 3-week trip only a few days before the retreat, and we had accumulated a long list of things to do while we were away. Lots of excuses, but I knew how important it was for me to attend the retreat as a new Session member. I am very happy I did! After all, I love this church, its people, what it stands for, and what it has done in and for the community. The retreat was an excellent way to deepen my commitment, expand my knowledge of the church and Session, and help me better understand my leadership role as a member of Session.

Our assigned reading prior to the retreat was Acts 2:42-47 and Ephesians 4:1-16. These verses helped us focus on who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do. From Acts, we see the importance of being drawn together as people of God and being inspired by the Spirit to share our faith with other believers. We see that we need to be faithful, welcoming, generous, open, and willing to reach out. From Ephesians, we see the importance of using the gifts God gave us to build the body of Christ in love and with humility and

to show God's love for us by demonstrating it to others in our words and deeds in a life "worthy of (God's) calling." Our role as ministers is to build a church unified by the Spirit and devoted to serving God.

But we live in a world with powerfully disruptive forces that sow division, hatred, and conflict rather than unity, love, and peace. What does it mean to try to provide leadership in this kind of world in a way that fulfills God's calling to be humble servants and do his work in the church and the world? The theme of our retreat was "strengthening the core." With guidance from our skilled facilitator, Roy Howard, we explored how to be Christian leaders and address these kinds of questions as we sought to strengthen the core ministry of our church.

This retreat had a powerful impact on me because I learned from our interactions about how to think more deeply, devoutly, and constructively about the decisions we will be making as members of Session. But the retreat was more than an experience of the mind. Also importantly, it was a chance to get to know the other Session members and to draw us closer together as a group. An ingenious device for building cohesion was the creation of a music playlist. Each of us was asked prior to the retreat

to name our favorite song and its artist. At various points during the retreat, Roy played one of the songs he had recorded from our choices and asked us to guess whose choice it was. Then the person who chose the song was asked to explain why it was chosen. It was a clever, fun, and highly effective way of helping us get to know each other better. It was clear from our choices and explanations that our Session is diverse in its interests, insights, and experiences, and this is a good thing as we work together to do God's work and the work of our church. I am not sure that we would have been as forthcoming and relaxed or would have interacted as openly and effectively if we had not had this shared musical experience.

Transforming the Ordinary

A key idea of leadership is finding innovative and effective solutions amidst ongoing change. Since disruptions of routine and change are constants in life, accepting and dealing realistically, constructively, and creatively with them are essential in trying to move forward. We talked about creativity and problem solving after watching a video on "everyday creativity" about the ideas of National Geographic photographer Dewitt Jones. One of his interesting ideas was that creativity involved seeing the extraordinary in

the ordinary, which involved viewing the ordinary from a new perspective. That is, creativity can be viewed as a matter of perspective. Rather than trying to find the right answer, we need to find the next right answer because change is ongoing and we need to be unafraid to engage in risk taking, we need to accept that we will

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make mistakes, and we need to embrace the idea of win-learn rather than win-lose. We also need to learn how to break out of established patterns, raise questions, and figure out how to do more with less. We must resist the temptation to reject others who challenge us, and instead listen for what is constructive and potentially useful. Thus, being creative means transforming the ordinary into extraordinary to solve what seem like insoluble problems. We need to see problems as opportunities and not as paralyzing, daunting roadblocks. As Ken suggested, we need to focus on what we care about, what our talents make possible, and trust our intuition.

We are blessed at Catonsville Presbyterian to be part of a church with strong and wise leaders with deep faith and great insights and to have an active, caring and supportive congregation. We are blessed to have enough financial resources to take care of our infrastructure while we also engage in

"Our answers today may not be the answers we need in the future."

difference-making outreach. We are blessed to be able to support exciting and sometimes risky new initiatives through our Envision Fund. Following the theme of one of Ken's sermons, we must continue to make the kinds of decisions that make these innovations possible and allow our church and community to flourish.

The retreat impressed upon me the importance of seeing leadership as a collective experience, of relying on each other's different talents, and moving forward with the assurance that we can take risks together based on our shared faith and commitment. I have learned from the retreat that our church is in good hands, that I can trust others on the Session, and that our church can rely on us to make decisions that reflect our various talents and perspectives and that shared faith and commitment. I have learned, though, that there is not a single right answer and that our answers today may not be the answers

we need in the future. With prayerful contemplation, openness, flexibility, and courage, we should be able to adapt as circumstances change and call for creative new answers or solutions. If we make mistakes, we must humbly accept them and move on to try to do better the next time. It is what our church deserves from us.

Christian Education

Jenny Hutton | *Member of the Christian Education Committee*

The Christian Education Committee wants to thank the volunteers that gave of their time for the 2022-2023 school year. Second Sunday and other ministries are not possible without the help of willing volunteers.

We have circulated a new survey for the coming year and are making a few changes based on your suggestions. Additionally, we received some great feedback at our Zoom conversations with parents on June 20:

- Childcare for children ages 0-5 years will include more engagement with Bible stories and music.
- Multi-age church school was very popular with both the children and the leaders.
- “Cocoa and Conversation” for middle and high school students will remain on the second Sunday of the month, and might begin at 10:00 a.m. to provide leaders and participants more time together.
- Youth gatherings will now be held on the last Sunday of the month. We heard that you all love the outdoor events in the pavilion and woodlands, so we are looking to plan more.
- Lastly, when the youth group resumes in September we will have the same discussions with our middle and high school youth: What would you like to see more of? What can we be doing to guide you in your Christian faith?

Share your time by visiting tinyurl.com/ce-volunteers-23

Exploring the Depths

August 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the library

Walking the Camino back in 2016, it became clear that Ken Kovacs wanted to take a deeper dive into the relationship between Jungian (depth) psychology and the Christian life. In 2017, he felt led (by a dream) to explore analytical training at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich. In 2019, Ken completed his midlevel exams and became a Diploma candidate. And—*Deo volente* (“God willing”), as Jung often said—he will finish his training in June 2024. Ken would like to share some of his experiences on this journey, show some images, talk about what it’s like to study in the program, how it has shaped his faith, and informed his preaching and ministry at CPC.



Bonjour!

Wendy Johnston

Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Bonjour! The Peabody Institute Organ Department, led by Dr. Daniel Aune, organized a study trip to Paris, France in June.

Dr. Aune is the Peabody Organ Department chair and organist at Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore Inner Harbor. Seven of us had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience not just a few Parisian organs—but ten unique and wonderful historic organs--and to be taught by some of the world's best organists.

We visited and played organs at St. François Xavier, St. Gervais (the Couperin dynasty), Ste. Clothilde with Olivier Penin (César Franck), St. Vincent de Paul (where we met with and were taught by Mme. Langlais), St. Étienne-du-Mont (Maurice Duruflé), La Trinité (Olivier Messiaen), St. Sulpice (Charles-Marie Widor and Marcel Dupré), St. Eustache (the largest organ in Paris) and The Royal Chapel Organ at the Palace of Versailles with Jean-Baptiste Robin. An additional unique visit was to see, hear and play the organ of the Duruflé Apartment, where Maurice and Marie-Madeleine Duruflé lived, which has a beautiful rooftop view of much of Paris.

St. Sulpice is undoubtedly the most impressive instrument of the Romantic French symphonic era in Paris. The organ has been largely untouched since it was built by

the brilliant Aristide Cavaille-Coll in 1862 and is considered a masterpiece and his magnum opus. Organists come from all over the world to hear-- and if they are lucky--to play this magnificent instrument. We met with organist titulaire Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer and each of us had the opportunity to play the instrument. I played a piece by composer Jeanne Demessieux featuring the cornet stop installed by Cliquot in 1781, and listened to the sound floating through the cavernous space. We returned to St. Sulpice on another evening for a historic concert, the inaugural recital and installation of Karol Mossakowski, to replace Daniel Roth who is assuming emeritus status after serving St. Sulpice for 38 years.

The study trip was one extraordinary experience after another. However, the visit to Versailles and the experience of playing the organ at the Royal Chapel was particularly instructive. Though this instrument is a restoration rather than an original--it was painstakingly rebuilt in 1998 to the specification of the 1710 organ by Cliquot--it is an excellent example of a French Baroque organ, including a rather unique pedal board (to our modern eyes). It doesn't take much imagination to see the court of Louis the XIV in the chapel space, with all its Baroque gilt ornamentation. I had the honor and blessing of having a private lesson on this instrument with Jean-Baptiste Robin, one of the four organists of the Royal Chapel of Versailles. He taught me the

equivalent of an entire semester during those two hours, and I will need many hours of study to even begin to appreciate all the instruction, the treatises, and music which he shared with me during that time.

Seeing and hearing these instruments is an education in itself. We do not have some of these sounds on our instruments in the United States, and so to hear the music of César Franck played on a French Romantic organ a space for which it was designed was instructive. There is much for me yet to absorb from this trip, but I am changed as a musician by the experience.



Wendy plays the organ at St. Sulpice next to Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer.

In between, we managed to visit a few of the sights in Paris too—the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame (which is still closed due to the fire), St. Chappelle, the Louvre, and a visit to Giverny to see Monet's gardens. And not to worry, we didn't forget to enjoy the delicious food in Paris. A visit to the patisserie every morning was a must!

There's more to the online calendar than one might assume

It's Friday afternoon, you check your email, and then it happens: *ding.* A new message from Catonsville Presbyterian Church. It's the weekly newsletter, that email containing a worship preview, announcements, the bulletin link, upcoming events, and a link to last week's sermon.

As you start perusing its contents—after all, nobody has ever glossed over a church email—you notice that an announcement is a little off. “Tomorrow, we'll meet on Zoom at....” But wait! The Zoom meeting is supposed to be on Monday. Did the day change? Did someone send an email about this? You don't want to go digging, but you do anyways.

Flash forward a week and the Zoom meeting is in the rear view mirror. You're contemplating the sermon, and remember a piece of the liturgy that was profound, soul-stirring, electrifying. Your bulletin is long gone at this point, and a close examination of your inbox is fruitless.

There's a quick answer. Well, to be exact, there's a place to go for quick answers: the church's calendar! You've probably poked around the calendar at CatonsvillePres.org/Events. Thanks to some faithful, determined volunteers, the calendar has remained up-to-date for a few years now.

That trend is still going strong. Here are a few tips and tricks in case you find yourself struggling to find a bulletin, scratching your head over an announcement, or just plain curious:



You can find archived bulletins on the calendar.

The calendar page has a drop down button to easily find events in the past or future. You can select a specific Sunday to find its order of worship and bulletin, just like a filing cabinet. You can even search for a phrase or word (just be sure to set the date early enough).



View attachments, links, and background information

Events often include additional information that bulletins, social media, or weekly newsletters can't include. This can include information on event organizers, community groups, directions, RSVP links, and more. How might your committee benefit by including a giving link, fillable form, or PDF on your event page?



Share a ministry schedule

There is a category drop down menu on the calendar page. This pulls up a list of events related to a particular ministry, like choir, creation care, or fellowship. Committees can use this to keep their own personal calendar, share it with others, and help spread the word while cutting out the clutter. If there's a category that you believe will be beneficial, let the church office know.



Make the calendar your first stop

The online calendar is often the most up-to-date source of information. It can be changed in real time, so even if your weekly email, bulletin, or paper calendar isn't correct, the online version can always be updated.

And if you ever have a suspicion that something is amiss, email the church office - we'll get things squared away for everyone to enjoy.

Calendar

Committees and event coordinators often adjust schedules throughout the month. Please check the online calendar of events for the most up-to-date and accurate information.

Events this August

Please note that committee meetings and events that meet on a weekly basis are listed separately.

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 1 | Noon | Church House

Church staff will attend to the ministry and daily life of the church.

Family Play Time

Sunday, August 6 | 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Pavilion

Elementary-aged children and their families are invited to spend time together playing together. Water games and a slip-n-slide are planned, so bring a bathing suit!

Presbyterian Women: Zoom Circle

Monday, August 7 | 9:30 p.m. | Zoom

The Monday morning Zoom circle will meet for fellowship and study.

Exploring the Depths

Thursday, August 10 | 7:30 p.m. | Library

Ken Kovacs will lead an adult education session about his psychoanalytic training and how it impacts his ministry and faith.

Friday Food Collection

Friday, August 11 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Small parking lot

Drop off a few canned goods to support our local food banks in Catonsville.

Youth Pool Party

Friday, August 11 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Middle and high school youth are invited to enjoy a summer pool party with tasty desserts and fun games. Contact Laura Parkhurst (parkhurst.le@gmail.com) for the location.

August

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Every Week

Contemplative Prayer

Mondays | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Become present to God's loving gaze with others. Each gathering includes brief time for conversation, discussion, and most importantly, silent meditation.

Needlework Group

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Zoom

Join other needlework enthusiasts to work on projects and enjoy each other's company.

Committee Meetings

Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 2 | 7 p.m. | Library

Dismantling Racism

Monday, August 7 | 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Envision Board

Tuesday, August 8 | 6:15 p.m. | Zoom

Adult Education

Tuesday, August 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Child Care Council

Wednesday, August 9 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Deacons

Wednesday, August 30 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Financial Update

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| Actual Income | \$ 488,133 |
| Actual Expense. | \$ -484,636 |
| Total. | \$ 3,497 |
| Per Capita | \$ 1,660 |

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Events (continued)

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 15 | Noon | Church House

Church staff will attend to the ministry and daily life of the church.

Presbyterian Women: Passages

Tuesday, August 15 | 7:00 p.m.

The Passages circle will meet for fellowship and study.

Presbyterian Women: Wednesday Circle

Wednesday, August 16 | 7:00 p.m.

The Wednesday circle will meet for fellowship and study.

Jung Society of Washington Lecture

Friday, August 18 | 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Ken Kovacs will present a talk, "It is Solved by Walking," at a meeting of the Jung Society of Washington. Visit tinyurl.com/kovacs-jung to register.

Friday Food Collection

Friday, August 25 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Small parking lot

Drop off a few canned goods to support our local food banks in Catonsville.

Night at the Yard

Friday, August 25 | 7:05 p.m. | Camden Yards

We'll watch the Orioles play the Colorado Rockies while enjoying fellowship and camaraderie at Camden Yards. RSVPs are now closed for this event.

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 29 | Noon | Church House

Church staff will attend to the ministry and daily life of the church.

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