

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26

Sunday, September 26

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School	Room 322
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Stated Session	Room 300
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 27

7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor

Tuesday, September 28

6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300&301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 29

4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
5:30 pm	Wed. Night Together Dinner	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Gospel of Luke Bible Study	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 30

7:00 pm	1 John Bible Study	Zoom
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Friday, October 1

Saturday, October 2

Sunday, October 3

	World Communion	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Communion	143 Broad
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10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2021

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

Class of 2022

Phil Heilman
Zach Miller
Trent Newell
Bill Omohundro
Mickey Russell

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2023

Mark Auten
Chris Creech
Ross Culp
Scott Mauney
Sue Stevens

DIACONATE

Andrew Coates, Moderator

Class of 2021

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Debbie Lackey
Jane Peterson
Teresa Trimble

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
Cathy Irwin

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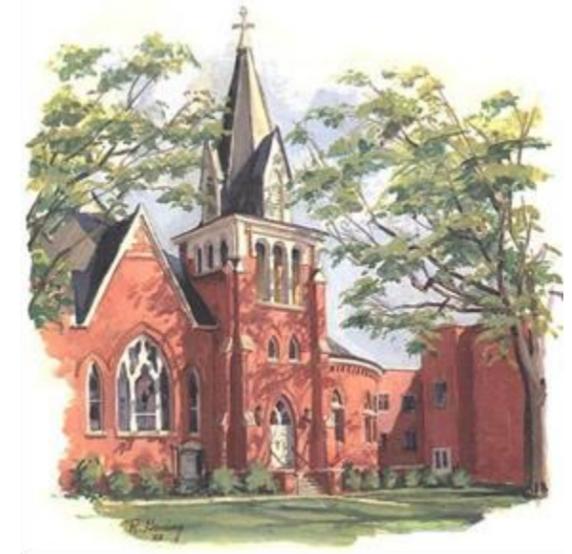
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
September 26, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE:

Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME

Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 68: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise his name-I’m fixed upon it-name of God’s redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I’ve come

And I hope, by thy good pleasure; safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be.

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG OF WORSHIP 461: *"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"*
Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew.
That I may love what e'er you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure.
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine.
Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die.
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 5:1-13

"Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin.² For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive."³ There were also those who said, "We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine."⁴ And there were those who said, "We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax."⁵ Now our flesh is the same as that of our kindred; our children are the same as their children; and yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have been ravished; we are powerless, and our fields and vineyards now belong to others."⁶ I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints.⁷ After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials; I said to them, "You are all taking interest from your own people." And I called a great assembly to deal with them,⁸ and said to them, "As far as we were able, we have bought back our Jewish kindred who had been sold to other nations; but now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!" They were silent, and could not find a word to say.⁹ So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?"¹⁰ Moreover I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this taking of interest.¹¹ Restore to them, this very day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them."¹² Then they said, "We will restore everything

and demand nothing more from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do as they had promised.¹³ I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out everyone from house and from property who does not perform this promise. Thus may they be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised."

SERMON *"Restoring the Impossible: Internal Conflict"* Dave Rockness

*HYMN 344: *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow. Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus, will you decide now to follow Jesus. Will you decide now to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

*INVITATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you a first time visitor? If so, please make sure to check-in at the welcome table in the church parlor after the service. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall: Join us for Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 – 10:45 am. We'll enjoy light refreshments, coffee, lemonade, and a great opportunity to visit, talk and connect with our church family.

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

Wednesday Night Together

Gospel of Luke Bible Study- Our fall bible study, led by Pastor Dave, is on Wednesday nights (6-7pm) in the 143 building. It includes a short video presentation, guided group discussion, and pastoral insight. Dinner is available from 5:30-6pm (\$5/per person). The study is available for all ages and does not require advance notice. However, please contact the church office if interested in dinner.

"Lost & Found" Women's Bible study- A woman's study will be offered as well and is entitled *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa Terkeurst. This study will be led by Jodi Rockness. Those attending can register for dinner as well. **Those interested in dinner-** Please register at the welcome booth after the service or through our church's website

(moorevillefpc.org). Dinner will include pizza, salad, and drinks for \$5/per person.

Online Study of 1 John - On Thursday nights the church is offering a Zoom study of the book of 1 John. With an emphasis on fellowship, Jonathon Snodgrass will walk the group through a twelve week verse by verse study of John's letter. The study is open to all. To register, please sign up on the [website](#) or send an email to jason@moorevillefpc.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. **Prayer concerns will remain for six weeks. If you wish people to remain longer, please contact the church office and ask to have the period extended.** If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joan Gibson	Billie Brawley	John Westmoreland
Lecie Miller	Mary Mason	Kathleen Bates
Pat Hunter	Dot Nelson	Peggy Rogers
Peggy Davidson		

Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Jane Abernathy Family
Becky McIntyre & family	Russell Borkowsky	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Margie Overcash, sister to Marilyn Beaver	Patti Dancoff	Tom Thetga
Aldo Martinez	Sibyl Newton	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Maj. William Matheny, Army	LTC Rodney Tatum