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Welcome Our
New Pastor,
Alison Peters

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A Message from the Clerk of Session

Welcome to the Fall Season activities at the First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. As you are aware, there will be new classes offered by the Faith Formation Committee. The Faith Formation Committee is offering "Apostles' Creed Study" beginning at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, September 30, 2021, and continuing through November 4, 2021.

Unlike previous years, Heritage Days will be observed September 11 and 12, 2021. September 12, 2021, also marks the return to 11:00 A.M. services at the church. Please be reminded that the September 12, 2021, Fall Kick Off Worship and Picnic service will be held at the White Pines pavilion at Rocky Gap State Park and that the service will begin at 11:00 A.M. Please remember to bring a folding chair and lunch.

At the September 12, 2021 service, the Faith formation Committee will be holding a "Blessing of the Backpacks." In conjunction with the "Blessing of the Backpacks," the Faith Formation Committee in collaboration with the Mission Committee has identified the Cumberland YMCA's "At Risk After School" as an opportunity to help students. The Faith Formation Committee "...encourages you to give towards this good cause to help feed the children of our community."

Building and Grounds announced that the furnaces are in place and operational and that the windows in the back wall are finished. The committee reminds everyone to close fire doors and turn off air conditioners when leaving.

The Steering Cabinet of the Presbytery of Baltimore "...adopted re-instituting the use of masks in worship and indoor gatherings for all our congregations, entities, and worshiping communities regardless of county. Whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, this policy protects the most vulnerable – the immune compromised and children under 12 years of age. It especially protects the unvaccinated since the Delta variant can be spread by those who have received the vaccine. With the concurrence of the Personnel and Administration committees, staff can attend and may also preach if available, in churches who adhere to this practice of masks in worship."

Last, but not least, let us say a fond farewell to Rev. Dr. Walt Peters, who has provided us with such excellent and thoughtful sermons, and a warm welcome to Rev. Alison Peters, who will become our pastor officially on September 13, 2021. A Thank You Celebration was held for Rev. Peters after the September 5, 2021, morning service by the Congregational Care and Outreach Committee. While we have patiently awaited the appointment of a new pastor, it is the Pastor Nominating Committee, which deserves our praise and congratulations for a task well done.

David Stickler, Clerk



BEGINS this Sunday, September 12th with our Fall Kick-off at Rocky Gap State Park in the White Pines Pavilion. Worship begins at 11:00 AM during the fall months.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As a directive from the Presbytery:

For the time being, mask will now be **REQUIRED** at all church functions regardless of vaccination status.



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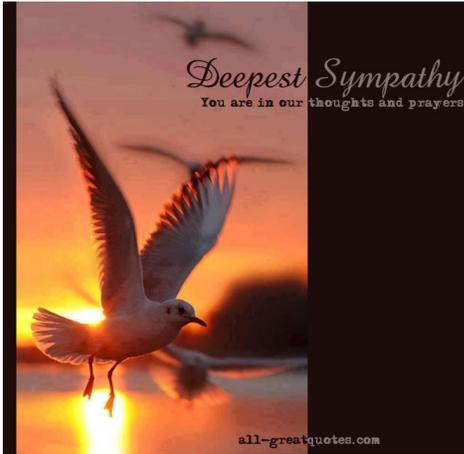
Joys and Concerns



September Birthdays

Betty Lange 1-Sep
Tim Workmeister 8-Sep
Amy Workman 9-Sep

Jim Williams 12-Sep
Penny Campbell 14-Sep
Robert Gamble 17-Sep
Ernie Casseday 21-Sep
Betty Luger 21-Sep
Elva Berry 22-Sep
Aaron Hendrickson 24-Sep
Carol Morgan 25-Sep
Cindy Corley 30-Sep



Sympathy and prayers to Gerogene McKenzie and family on the death of Georgene's sister, Arbutus Barr.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Ray Yount on his death on Saturday, August 28th.

Learn & Grow

Blessing of the Backpacks

During our Fall Kick-Off this Sunday we will be holding a "Blessing of the Backpacks." This blessing is for all those students, teachers, parents, and anyone resuming their hectic schedules this fall. We look forward to seeing you there!

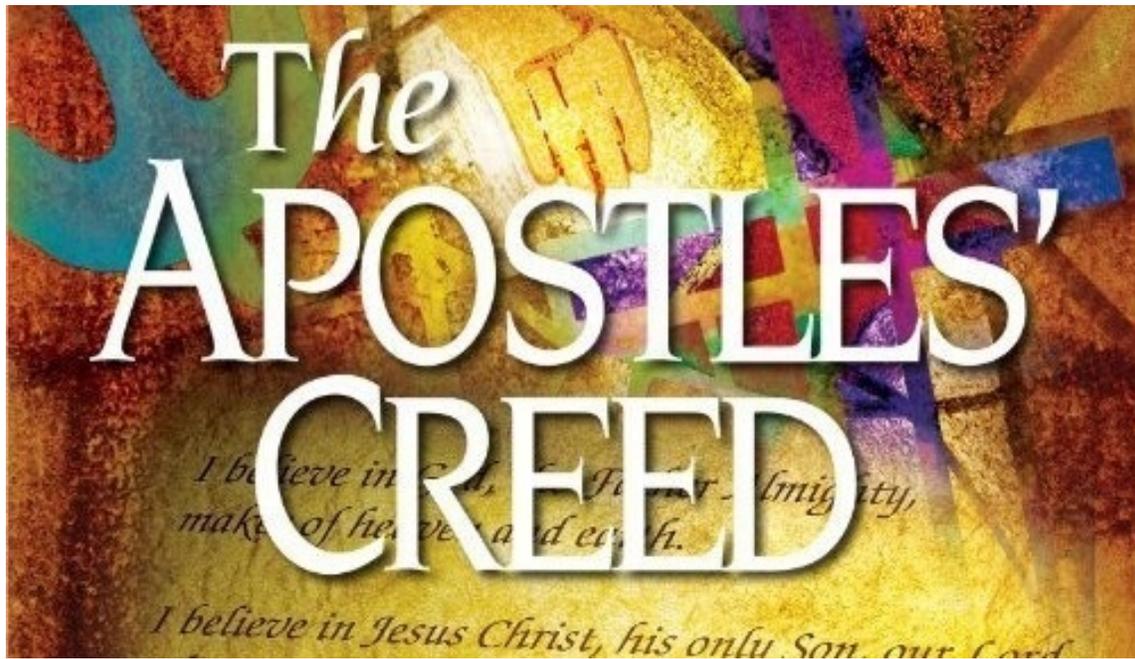
In conjunction with this blessing, we have reached out to the Mission committee to discuss opportunities in the community to help students. The Cumberland YMCA is organizing a new program, **At Risk After School**, which offers an afterschool meal for children who qualify for reduced lunches in the Allegany County School System. Currently, 30 to 35 children participate in this program and meals are offered five days a week.



The Faith Formation Committee would like to encourage you to give towards this good cause to help feed the children of our community. Donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "At Risk After School" or mailed into the church. **Please make any checks out to First Presbyterian Church Cumberland, MD with a note of: At Risk After School YMCA.**

1 John 3:18 says "Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." We hope you will take the time to give to this worthy cause today.

Apostles' Creed Study



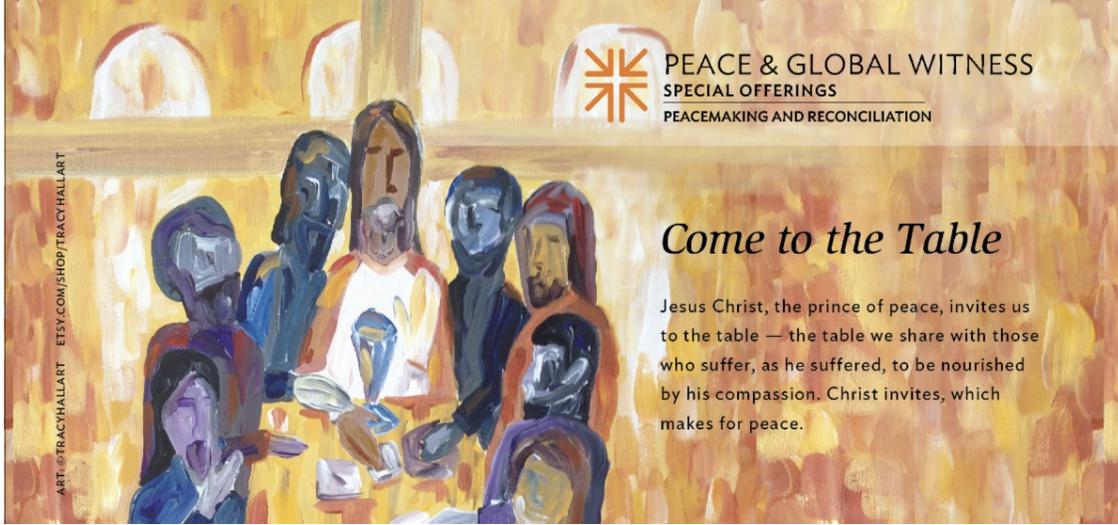
Beginning on **Thursday, September 30th at 6:00 PM** and continuing each Thursday Evening through **November 4th**, join us as we explore the Apostle's Creed.

This study introduces the creed by discussing the meaning of its phrases. To recognize what the phrases mean and ways they have been understood in our Reformed theological tradition is to move more deeply into our faith. The creed's meanings can strengthen our understanding, deepen our devotion, and give a vision for Christian living and action in the church and the world.

Currently, we intend to offer this class in person and virtually through ZOOM for those who wish to join from home. However, we will continue monitoring the spread of the Delta variant and may switch to an entirely virtual class if necessary.

Please respond to Brittany Jackson to sign up for this class. Participant guides will be distributed at least one week before the start date.

Opportunities to Serve



Come to the Table

Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, invites us to the table — the table we share with those who suffer, as he suffered, to be nourished by his compassion. Christ invites, which makes for peace.

It is that time of year when we in the congregation contribute to **The Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Here is some information about this offering which is one of four special offerings of our denomination.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Our portion of the monies collected will go to help support the Family Crisis Resource Center here in Cumberland, Maryland. Our Baltimore Presbytery retains an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. This has been used for Dismantling Racism training in recent years. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider giving generously to this Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021. On your check, write to First Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line, write Special Offering.

Worship with Us

Join us for our Fall Kick-off Worship & Picnic!

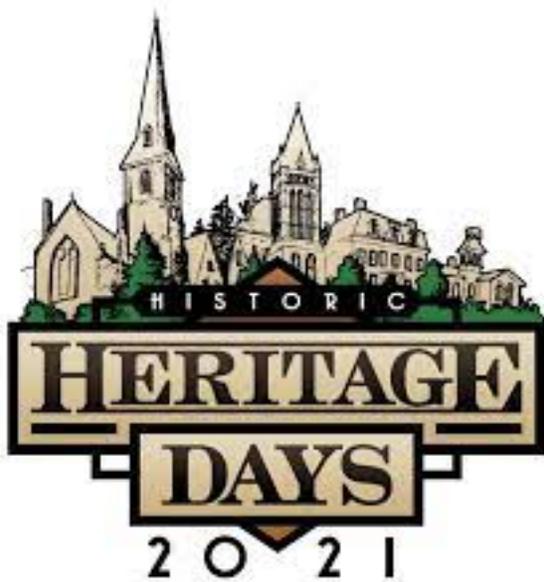
Please join us –rain or shine – this Sunday, September 12th at 11:00 AM under the White Pine pavilion at Rocky Gap State Park to kick off our fall worship services followed by our congregational picnic. The White Pine Pavilion is on the left on Pleasant Valley Road right after the little white Methodist church. The pavilion is accessible and restrooms are nearby. Dress for the weather, especially if rain or autumn temperatures are in the forecast.

Things to bring: a chair and your own lunch.

There are only picnic benches at the pavilion so for your comfort you may want your own chair with back support due to the unpredictable nature of Covid-19 we don't feel comfortable sharing a buffet so bring what you want to eat for lunch and our Congregational Care & Outreach Committee will provide individual bags of chips, individually wrapped Debbie cakes, and canned/bottled drinks to round out the meal.

After our worship service, the Dodge's will perform and there will be Giant Bowling, Corn hole and Hula Hoops for kids and kids at heart! We hope to see all of you there!

Upcoming Community Events



Heritage Days 2021

Thursday, September 9th-
Sunday, September 12th

Save the Date

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE THE RIGHT WAY AT THIS
COLLECTION EVENT HOSTED BY THE ALLEGANY COUNTY RECYCLING OFFICE



WHEN Saturday, October 9, 2021
9 am - 2 pm
Rain or Shine

WHERE Allegany County Fairgrounds
11490 Moss Avenue
Cumberland, MD

FREE DISPOSAL OF:

AUTOMOTIVE



Gasoline
Oil & Grease
Fluids
Polish & Wax
Road Flares
Lead Acid Batteries

HOBBY



Spray Paint
Chemistry Kits
Glues & Adhesives
Nail Polish & Remover
Photographic Chemicals

HOUSEHOLD



Cleaning Products
Paint Thinner
Drain Cleaners
Aerosol Cans
Smoke Detectors
Batteries
Mercury
(Thermometers/Blood Pressure Cuffs)
Fluorescent Bulbs
Fire Extinguishers
Rat Poison
Cooking Oil
Non-Latex Paint
(Latex Paint is Recycled for \$3/Can)

GARDEN



Pesticides
Herbicides
Fertilizers
Flea Collars
Moth Balls

EXTERIOR



Pool Chemicals
Propane Tanks
Driveway Sealer
Camp Fuel
Insect Repellent

PAINT RECYCLING

\$3 per Container



- Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.
- Quart, 1-gallon, or 5-gallon bucket.
- Latex paint only; in any condition.
- Paint must be in original container with OEM label.

DO NOT BRING

- Tires
- Ammunition
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Medicine
- Medical Waste

Questions?

Call 301-777-5933 x359 or
Visit alleganygov.org/recycle



Please keep in mind...

- This is only a partial list, see website for details.
- Proof of Allegany County residency is required.
- Bring products in original containers.
- Do not mix or consolidate products.
- Stay in vehicle and let volunteers unload items.
- Residential volumes of waste only. No contractor or business waste will be accepted.



This event is made possible by the Allegany County Commissioners, Burgmeier's Hauling, Inc., Chesapeake Bay Trust, City of Cumberland, City of Frostburg, NEFCO, and Yuck Old Paint.

Save the date - the upcoming "Too Toxic to Trash" collection event, hosted by the Allegany County Recycling Office, will provide a way to get rid of any household hazardous waste you've been holding on to.

The event will take place on **Saturday, October 9th, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the **Allegany County Fairgrounds** (11490 Moss Avenue in Cumberland), and will provide free disposal of common household wastes requiring special disposal. This includes common items from your house such as left-over gasoline, oil, fluids, automotive batteries, chemicals, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, glues & adhesives.

It is important that all materials be brought in their original containers - do not mix or consolidate any products.

Additionally, paint will be accepted for recycling for a fee of \$3 per container (payment will be accepted on-site). Only Latex paint in its original container with the OEM label will be accepted. Sizes accepted are a quart, 1-gallon or 5-gallon buckets.

For more details, please visit <https://gov.allconet.org/1639/Too-Toxic-To-Trash-Event>