

Christian Education Calendar

- September 8th** - Bible study begins 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
September 12th - Rally Day Picnic at Bladensburg Water front Park, after 11:00 a.m. worship; Lunch; 1pm Magician Doug Jarman; 2pm Boat ride
September 15th - ASC begins
September 19th - Sunday School & Second Session begin Prayer Service for PNC
September 22nd - Service Club begins
November 6th - 13rd grade service project at Meeting Ground, Elkton, MD
December 3rd - Hanging Greens sleepover (grades 5 & up)
December 11th - Youth pageant practice, 10:00 a.m.
December 12th - Youth pageant during worship, caroling



Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. will begin on Wednesday, September 8th. Both groups are continuing the study of Revelation. All are welcome, so please join us then.

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 in the Choir Room. Our rehearsals are both challenging and fun. You don't need to be a trained singer; you just need to make a commitment of your time and talents in praise to the Lord.

Speak to Gerald after church or come on September 8th and try us out!



HELP BY PHONE for the September - 2010

Soups	Dry milk
Grits	Coffee
Cold cereals	Tea
Pancake mix	Cocoa
Pancake syrup	Pasta
Jelly	Baby food
Rice	Pudding
Fruit	Jell-o
Oatmeal	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Fruit
Peanut butter	Jell-o
Tuna	
Pork & beans	
Beef stew	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Red, green & yellow vegetables	

Work Trip 2010: Mission 500 Cont.

Inland Bays - A conservation organization in Maryland and Delaware that develops and maintains nature trails and programs. We replanted a front garden. DONATION= \$50 (the organization seems well-supported, not a religious group, not directed to hunger or homelessness needs).
Morgan-Scott Project, TN - A network of social service in a remote and very poor Appalachian area where we would have been working this summer. DONATION = \$200 (direct and important work)

Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, Georgetown, MD - We worked at the Restore-cleaning and straightening the donated furniture and building supplies sold to support house building in the surrounding poor neighborhoods. DONATION = \$150 (strong national organization with local impact)

The Youth Mission Committee discussed the donations carefully and decided to give the extra \$100 to RPC Pastor's Discretionary Account to respond to local need around RPC. You can see the good thinking and stewardship of MISSION 500, the future of RPC, mission work and the world!

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Christian Education

Work Trip 2010: Mission 500

This year's mission trip was an exercise in one of the rules of Work Trips: Be flexible. After one of our stalwart chaperones from Berwyn had to cancel at the last moment, we went into Plan B mode. Driving to Tennessee for the scheduled trip was too far for the one remaining driver. Fortunately, God was with us and we not only secured facilities (Christian Conference Center in Bethany Beach, DE thanks to Rev. Marshall Dunn) and replaced the chaperone (thanks to Rev. Mary!), but all the youth responded with open hearts to our change of plans and work.

Looking for a new theme while addressing poverty and conservation at the beach, we came up with the idea of MISSION 500—enacting the work of a Presbyterian Mission Committee: researching the charities we were working for and deciding how to apportion \$500 of money that we saved by taking a shorter, closer mission trip.

The youth, 5 Big (returning worker)/Little (first timers) pairs asked questions, looked at printed material and discussed options. Here are the charities we worked for in near Bethany Beach—all of whom responded to our frantic calls offering volunteer labor on short notice:

Cape Henlopen Food Basket: now chaired by ret. Presbyterian minister Rev. Starz where we bought used work trip t-shirts to sign, helped clean up the Thrift Store, cleaned out front gardens and stocked food. We bought mulch for the garden—DONATION= \$60 (\$0 of the \$500)

Church World Service Disaster Kits: We shopped at Walmart (in two cheaply competitive groups) to stock 30 disaster kits. CWS is a religious charity that is known for a high percentage of donations (over 95%) directly benefiting the targets. DONATION= \$300 (for the kit supplies and processing (\$0 of the \$500))



The Deacons of
Riverdale Church
present Gerald Piercey
in concert
September 19, 2010
at 4 PM.

Gerald will be playing the piano and organ and speaking about the music and the instruments. This is not a heavy recital; this is a lighter concert of classical and hymn based works. Come and support the Deacons Scholarship Fund.



Deacons
16th
Annual Craft
Fair
Saturday
September 19th
From 9:00 a.m.
To 3:00 p.m.
Come and join in
the fun!!

1st Session 9:45am
2nd Session 12:00pm
All are welcome!

Psalms 139:1-4

*O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O Lord.*

Come &
Worship



Sunday Worship Services

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Sunday School

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Musings from Mary

Dear Friends at Riverdale,

Summer is over, and the new church program year begins. I am looking forward to the resumption of our Wednesday programs for children and youth, the Bible Studies, and the wonderful music from our bell choir and our chancel choir. Nice as it is to have a summer break, it is good to get back into the rhythms of the liturgical year as the holidays approach.

As of September 14, I will have been with you for two full years. As I look the ending of my interim time with you, I know that for me it will be very bittersweet. I have come to know and love you, and I have valued my experience with you. However, as I have said from the day I arrived at Riverdale, I cannot be a candidate for the installed position.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is moving ahead. They have had 130 applications for the position. They have come up with a short list of candidates with whom they are conducting telephone interviews, and they are checking references. There will be a time in the near future when they will begin to interview candidates face to face. Please continue to pray for them as they do this work. It is an exciting time at Riverdale to anticipate the arrival of a permanent pastor!

Let's look forward to our fall programs beginning, and continue to pray daily for our congregation.

Blessings,

Mary