



Heritage Presbyterian Church

Love Grows Here

Called by God's grace to make disciples, as we minister to the needs of a broken world

JUNE / JULY 2017

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A Message from Pastor Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Most days, when getting in and out of my car in our church parking lot, I am enticed to pause for a moment and linger in the sweet smell of the blooming honeysuckle bushes that line our parking lot. It smells like summer, with an almost tranquilizing effect. I can't help but breathe it in as much as possible. Summertime lends itself to luxuries like this, with daylight that lingers as fireflies appear, giving us just a bit more time to savor each moment. For many, summer brings changed schedules and time for much needed rest and relaxation. This can be a form of Sabbath – taking on a new rhythm and routine for life – if we allow it to create new spaces where we might experience God's presence. As a congregation, we will engage in Sabbath-keeping together this summer, with a shifted schedule that will open us to pay attention to the patterns of our life together in new ways and grow as one church family.

One of the biggest changes is that we will worship together at one service each week at 10:00 am. Your leaders, myself included, are excited about the opportunity this will give us to get to know those we may not see on a regular basis because they worship at "the other service". During the passing of the peace, take note of those you may not know, and introduce yourself! Sign in so that others sitting on your pew can get a glimpse of your name (in case they are too shy to ask). You may even want to sit in a different pew for the summer, and see how even small change in your perspective might allow you to worship God in fresh ways. Our summer schedule also gives us some space for new ways of being together in fellowship. Praise Kids for children through 5th grade will meet from 11-11:30 am, enjoying special music and fun together. Adults and youth, see below for a special treat each week at 11:00 am on the lawn. My hope is that our timing will free you to linger a bit and engage in conversation with your church family.

Friends, summer is here. May these next two months be a time when we can breathe deeply together, growing in relationships with each other and in our love of Christ together. Then, from our Sabbath, we will be rejuvenated to do the work God is calling us to next.

Peace,
Elizabeth

"GO WITH GOD" - SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Each week this summer, we will consider what it's like to travel with God in faith, inspired by the journeys that have gone before us in the stories of the Bible. In all of this, we will remember and celebrate that God is a mover and shaker, and calls us to be, too. Our summer will be spent trying to figure out what it means to "Go with God" along the way (it's not always as easy as it sounds!).

June 4 <i>Pentecost: The Spirit Moves</i> Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30	July 1 <i>Front Seat Battles</i> Mark 9:33-37; James 3:13-18
June 11 <i>Hit the Road!</i> Mark 6:6b-13; Genesis 12:1-19	July 9 <i>Anywhere But There</i> Jonah 1-4
June 18 <i>Through the Waters</i> Exodus 14:5-8, 19-31; Luke 8:22-25	July 16 <i>Houseguests</i> John 14:1-14; Psalm 122
June 25 <i>Are We There Yet?</i> 1 Peter 4:7-11; Exodus 17:1-7	July 23 <i>Road Signs</i> Numbers 22:22-35; Acts 9:1-20
	July 30 Youth Sunday



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Don your cape and plan to soar in for Heritage Presbyterian's
Hero Central Vacation Bible School
June 11-15, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.
Dinner is served nightly at 5:30.

There is no charge for Heritage VBS, but donations are welcome. Go to <https://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/heritagepresacworth/register>. VBS is open to children ages 2 to grade 5.

Register today and invite your relatives and friends.
You don't want to miss the fun.
Questions? Terri Simmons (tjtsimmons@comcast.net)



JUNE & JULY SUMMER SCHEDULE

BEGINS JUNE 4!

We are hopeful that this shift will allow us to experience God's presence in our church family in a new way over these summer months, and that we will be refreshed to begin the next school year doing the work God intends for us to do.

9:00 am Adult Sunday School classes, Children's Fellowship (infants- 5th grade)
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Lemonade in the Shade
11:00-11:30 am Praise Kids for children through 5th grade

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE



The Deacons will be hosting "Lemonade in the Shade" after our Summer Worship! It is our hope everyone will take a few minutes to share lemonade & a cookie with someone you don't know well as we continue to plant God's seed; "Love Grows Here"! As you leave the Narthex we will be just outside the doors to the right. Come share the fellowship!



FAMILY FUN DAY

Attention all families with children still at home! This summer we will host a series of family fun days. These are casual events; our goal is to help the families of Heritage get to know each other better. The first "fun day" will be at Victoria Landing, 955 Victoria Landing Drive, on Sunday, June 4th at 12:15. Cost: \$5 per vehicle. Bring a sack lunch and bathing suit! We will meet at the picnic tables near the beach. For more information, contact Deacon Will Hall at wahall012223@gmail.com. If it rains, we will reschedule!

HERITAGE SUMMER MUSIC CAMP:

Ages 4-11—Information is available at heritagepres.com under the Education tab. For more info contact Debbie Boyd at bells@heritagepres.com.



YOUTH JUNE /JULY SCHEDULE

June 4 – 12:45 pm Montreat Fundraiser
5:00 pm Pool Party at the Hall's

June 17 –Hike

July 9-15 – Montreat Youth Conference

July 22 –Tubing (Cartecay River Experience: \$15 per person)

July 30—Youth lead worship

Watch the bulletin for more details! Contact Matt Milford for more info at mdmilford@gmail.com.



**WHO'S WHO OF
HPC OFFICERS**



Our new elders and deacons have joined our returning officers to lead the ministries of our congregation, and invite you to join them as God calls us all to serve together. Here's who to contact for each of our ministry areas:

Worship: Elders Kaye Mero, Joanne Paller, and Rachel Nevitt, Deacon Jeri Hadaway

Mission: Elders Barbara Lee and Ken Loud, Deacon Cathy Prabhu

Nurture: Elders David Hansard, Molly Niemeir, and Christa Massengale, Deacon Susan Smith

Communication: Elders Ashley Fuller and Mark Bixler, Deacon Mary Bennett

Facilities: Elders Jeremy Dean and Henry Walnut, Deacon Will Hall

Stewardship and Finance: Elders Ken Miley and Howard Moore, Deacons David Boyd and Linda Loud

Deacons: Diane Miley (Moderator) and Elaine Hansard (Vice-Moderator/Secretary/Session Rep). Congregational Care ministries are led by Deacons Alvin Knapp, Kathi Niemeir (Fellowship and Recreation), and Jennifer Cole (Visitors/New Members/Evangelism).

Session: Rev. Elizabeth Milford (Moderator) and Elder Hollene Darby (Clerk)

Please hold our officers and other at-large members of these committees in your prayers as they seek to follow where God is leading our congregation!

DRIVER NEEDED... The Food Pantry is looking for someone to help in picking up food donations from Target and KFC. Only one day a week and takes less than two hours. For more info contact LH Turner.



JUNE

Romeos will meet June 13, (date change) 11:30 am at J.D.'s BBQ, Main Street, Acworth.

Juliets will meet June 1 at noon at Keegan's Irish Pub, 1083 Buckhead Crossing, Woodstock.

Call Carol Brown for reservations.

JULY

Romeos will meet **Wednesday**, July 5, (date change) at 11:30 am at Golden Corral, Barrett Parkway.

Juliets will meet July 6 at noon at Salt, 8690 Main Street, Woodstock. Call Carol Brown for reservations.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN AUGUST. WATCH THE BULLETIN AND THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

So, we made it to the end of the school year (almost.) Now, it's time for warm weather, summer vacations and the kids running around the house with crazy energy. MOPS will be taking a more laid back approach this summer. We will be providing a time of food and fellowship on the fourth Tuesday night of the month. On June 27th and July 25th, we will meet at 5:30 pm to chat, eat, complain, do whatever while our kids play (away from us) in the nursery. We will also be making up activity bags so that you can have some fun things to do with your kids on those days when you just can't think of anything else to do. If you need a break and just want to meet a group of like minded women and relax for an evening, come check us out. Hope to see you there and enjoy your summer!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, June 21

1-6 pm

Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit

redcrossblood.org

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

HIGH SCHOOL

Charlotte Sumner graduated from Mill Springs Academy and will attend The College of Coastal Georgia in the fall majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Evan Bell graduated from Kell High School and will attend Kennesaw State University Honors College, majoring in Business Finance.

Katerina (Kat) Ann Massengale graduated from Sequoyah High School and plans to attend Vanderbilt University.

Samantha (Sam) Estep graduated from Etowah High School and will attend Georgia Southern University Honors College studying Justice Studies in Environmental Justice.

Daniel Fritsch graduated from Woodstock High School and will attend Kennesaw State University in the fall.

Nicole (Nikki) Martin graduated from Kell High School and will attend Kennesaw State University.

Jillian Edgar graduated from Kell High School. This summer Jillian will march her second year of Drum Corp with "Spirit of Atlanta" as a Color Guard member on the weapon line. In the fall Jillian will attend Reinhardt University obtaining a Graphic Art Degree.

COLLEGE

Patty Cole graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Marketing and a minor in Leadership Studies.

Jessica (Jessi) Simmons graduated from University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Catherine Prabhu graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has accepted a position in the Neuro ICU at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Boyd graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Education /Middle Grades Education (Science and Social Studies) - *cum laude*, involved in UKirk GSU, Honors Program. She plans to become a middle school science teacher.

SEMINARY

Cassie Waits graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. This fall, she will be entering Emory's Candler School of Theology pursuing a Master of Theology. This one-year degree will allow her to specialize in Hebrew Bible and engage in substantive research. Upon completion, she hopes to enter ordained service in the church or to pursue Ph.D. studies.



HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

2017/2018 HPW officers:

Moderator: Carol Hall

Vice Moderator: Terri Simmons

Secretary: Jane Ullom

Treasurer: Meredith Weber

Historian: Lisa Nevitt

Members-at-Large: Mary Barlow & Lisa Wolfgang