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Mah Jongg

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Did you know our church has a Mah Jongg group that meets on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the church? Mah Jongg is great game played with special tiles. We would love to teach you how to play this fun game. Feel free to contact [Diane Soper](#) for more information.

Sunday Brown Bag Lunch

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Last Sunday Brown Bag Lunch

August 27 & September 24

Food Fun and Fellowship

Bring your lunch to church on August 27th & September 24 and join us for our monthly brown bag lunch. Bring your lunch to the Bell Choir Room (middle Sunday School room) after church for a time of fellowship with friends and making new friends. Eat a little, talk a little, laugh a lot. There are no stairs to navigate and the food will be your favorite (or whatever you bring) with no extra expense. We gather for lunch and fellowship on the last Sunday of every month.

Welcome Back Sunday

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Join us for a casual worship service at 10 am. Immediately following the service, join us at the parsonage for a church picnic and an afternoon filled with fun, games, food and fellowship. In June, we had over 80 people join us for a splendid day of praise and fellowship. We hope once again you will plan to be with us. Drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please sign up to bring an item to share. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer. In the event of bad weather, we will gather in the gym and fellowship room. Consider inviting someone to join you!

Be a Part of Our Music Ministry

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OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

It is a joy to once again begin our regular rehearsal schedule for music groups. This is a great time to join our choirs and be part of the fun of singing and/or ringing glory to God. The most important factor is that you have a desire to praise God through music.

Our **vocal choir** sings most Sundays as part of our worship service. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm-9 pm in the choir room beginning September 12th. There will also be Sunday morning rehearsals beginning September 10th at 8:15 prior to our worship service which is good for those unable to attend Tuesday.

Our **adult bell choir** is expanding and this would be a great time to give it a try, even if you have never rung a handbell before. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, beginning September 6th.

Our **chime group** is for children in 2nd grade and up. ***Hey moms and dads, why not join your kids and ring too!*** You do not have to know what to do or read music. Everything you need to know will be taught along the way. Chimes are great way to have your kids involved in our music program. Rehearsals will only be 30 minutes long. Rehearsals begin September 17th.

Our **praise team** practices most Sundays at 1pm. We welcome those who enjoy singing contemporary Christian music.

Come be part of the fun and fellowship as make a joyful noise to the Lord. If you are considering about being part of our music ministry, please talk with Diane Soper or email her at epworth_music@yahoo.com or come to any of our rehearsals.

Walk to Emmaus

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THE NEXT WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKENDS have been announced. The Mens' Walk is September 21 - 24, 2017. The Women's Walk is October 5 - 8, 2017. The follow up day, called Fourth Day is to be determined. The walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

If you would like more information about the Walk or to fill out an application, please contact [Bryan and Debbie Campion](#). Applications can be downloaded [here](#).

Operation Christmas Child Update

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It is not too early to think about packing those shoe boxes, especially with all those back to school supply sales going on now. Dates for our mission trips to the Baltimore processing plant will be announced in October.

Young at Heart

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This is a social group with no structured programs. We meet the third Monday of each month and just chat. Bring your troubles and your joys and a sandwich. We will supply dessert and beverages. Our next meeting will be September 18 at 12:30 pm in the library.

Growing in Faith

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GROWING IN OUR FAITH

How are you learning more about your faith? We offer several opportunities to be part of a small group and be in conversation. Take a moment and see how one of our groups might be of interest for you. As always if you have an idea for a topic or study, please see Pastor Charlie.

“GOLIATH MUST FALL”

It's likely you have a threatening giant in your life...an adversary or stronghold that's diminishing your ability to live a full and free life. Frozen in the grip of rejection, fear, anger, comfort, or addiction, we lose sight of the promise God has for our lives. Demoralized and defeated, we settle for far less than his best. God has a better plan for you, a plan for you to live in victory. That's why he has silenced your giant once and for all.

In *Goliath Must Fall*, pastor Louie Giglio uncovers a newfound twist in the classic story of David and Goliath. The key to living free from our giants is not better slingshot accuracy, but keeping our eyes on the one and only giant-slayer — Jesus. Put your hope in him and watch Goliath fall.

Join us for this six-week study on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm beginning September 13th.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

COKESBURY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

8:45 in the Pastor's office

Based on Cokesbury's Adult Bible Studies series, this class explores the biblical message and how to apply it to daily life. Each week will look at the New Testament through the lens of community; its birth, development, and growing pains as found in the Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles. This is an ongoing class. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

VERSE BY VERSE SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

9:00 am in the library

This Bible Study is focused on a verse by verse commentary on a book of the Bible. We correlate scriptures with Biblical Prophecies, Spiritual truths, faith issues, creation vs. scientific theories, new discoveries, current events, historical and geographical context, New and Old Testament concurrence, and our daily lives. Our spiritual growth and wisdom can be enhanced by a better understanding of Scriptures. We can be better Christians by understanding God's control of History, the Now, and the Future. This is an ongoing class. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

MORNING AFTER BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to be part of our study group that gets together on Monday mornings at 10:30 in Pastor's office. Our lessons cover a variety of topics from a study of a Bible book, a character or a maybe a series. Come by and be part of conversation.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We are an informal group that meets once a month on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 pm in the parlor. This Fall we will finish studying *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We invite all women to join us as we grow in our faith and in fellowship with one another. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Jean Cook, Diane DeMore, or the church office.

Church Family Weekend

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Church Family Weekend at the Pinelands

September 22-24

We welcome you to be part of this special weekend as we gather as a church family to learn, work and fellowship together. As part of our time together, our schedule includes time for these three things to be lived out. All ages and abilities are invited to participate as we use this time to grow closer to God and to each other. Activities will include a campfire, exploring the Center, a special scavenger hunt, worship, and communion as well as mission projects around the center.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings we will spend time helping with various projects around the Center. This may be renovating a cabin, painting, cleaning an outdoor area or some other project that is needed. There will certainly be a job for every ability. While most of the tools and equipment will be provided, it would be a good idea to bring your own work gloves.

Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery is a camp & retreat center of the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey. It lies on nearly 150 acres of forest in the coastal plains of southern New Jersey. Nestled in the middle of the historic National Pinelands Reserve, Pinelands Center is surrounded on most sides by cranberry bogs and preserved forestland, including miles of trails in Brendan T. Byrne State Park. We are blessed to play in and learn from Mt. Misery Lake, a stream and spring-fed lake and wetland

filled with the famously rare plants and animals of the Pine Barrens.

Brochures are available throughout the church. Please do not hesitate to contact Reva Luce or Pastor Charlie with any questions, or if you need assistance with the payment.