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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

“Once the arrow has left the bow there’s nothing you can do to change its course, so aim carefully.” That’s the sage and superfluous advice that was given me when I was taking archery lessons. Imagine – you have to aim before firing – who would have thought! As important and obvious as this advice seems for someone who is using weapons; it is much less obvious, but just as important advice for anyone who wants to succeed in life. In order to achieve our goals we need to aim well and aim carefully otherwise we may miss the mark or fall short of where we want to be. So a very good question, that we need to ask ourselves each day, is – “what am I aiming for? What is my trajectory of my life?”

When I was working in the High School setting this was advice that I, and many other teachers, were trying to give the students. We were continually encouraging them to consider the consequences of some of their decisions. They had to make some important decisions about where they wanted to go in life and understand that some of the decisions they were making at the moment would affect the trajectory of the rest of their life. Decisions about whether or not to get involved with drugs, or gangs, would set the trajectory of the rest of their lives. The decisions that landed them in the AP office, (assistant principal’s office) would have an effect on future education, future employment, and future success. By the same token decisions to study, or get involved in student government, or to get tutoring would also have an effect on their future. So they needed to ask themselves, what was their trajectory? Where did they want to go? How would they aim their lives? It really does matter where we aim because once the arrow has left the bow there are times, regrettably, we can do nothing to change its trajectory.

Fortunately you and I are not inanimate objects like arrows. For us redemption is possible and grace is available. True, sometimes we can’t take back the mistakes we’ve made; we can only resolve not to make them again. Sometimes the trajectories we set for our lives have hurt others and brought us to places of regret and sorrow. But in recognizing our mistakes we can seek forgiveness and aim higher. The saying goes, “today is the first day of the rest of our lives”. To me this means that with each new day we have the opportunity to improve our aim, and adjust the trajectory of our lives.

As Christians we believe in a God of second chances, and third chances, and fourths, and fifth chances, and so on. God has demonstrated over and over again His grace and his forgiveness. And each new day God holds before us the vision and promise of his Kingdom and encourages us to aim our lives towards its glory, to try again, to aim higher, to aim better, and to carefully set the trajectory of our lives toward His kingdom.

So I ask each of you reading this to begin each day asking yourself these questions: Where am I aiming today? Do I have my sights on the kingdom of God? What can I do today to set my trajectory toward the kingdom?

And to those of you reading this who are graduating from high school and college I encourage you to keep aiming high. You have come this far by aiming well and aiming high. Trust in God and set your sights on His kingdom. Do all you can each day to set the trajectory of your life on that bright goal and you will find yourself soaring each day in the joy and company of God’s Spirit.

Blessings and Peace - Mike

# 2019 Graduates!



## **Megan Byle**

Megan will graduate from Chesapeake Senior High School on 30 May 2019. In the fall, she will attend Bridgewater College in Virginia, majoring in Video Editing, Animation and Graphic Design.

## **Teddy Gregory**

Teddy graduated from Univ. of South Carolina on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a Business degree and Finance focus. He is currently job searching.



## **Bret Johnson**

Bret graduated from Chesapeake High School and has been hired as a Structural Welding Assistant at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard. He will continue his education in business at AACC.

## **Gavin Loughrey**

Gavin Loughrey, graduated from Chesapeake High School on 5/30/2019. He will be attending University of MD in College Park in August.



## **Nick Shanefelter**

Graduating from Catonsville Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Technology, Nick plans to be an auto mechanic and one day own his own shop.

## **Rachel Shanefelter**

Graduating from Chesapeake High School, Rachel plans to go to AACC for the next 2 years before deciding on a major.



## **FAITH HOPE CIRCLE**

The Faith Hope Circle meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:45am (September – June) Members bring their bag lunches (drinks and desserts are provided) and enjoy fellowship and discussing ongoing projects. Some of the many plans involve preparing meals for those unable to get out due to illness or weather, organizing and preparing funeral luncheons, supporting various charities, disaster reliefs, and organizations, hosting Bingo for residents and patients at Glen Burnie Rehab, ETC. This lovely group is always looking for new members. Please contact the church office with any questions! 410-255-8887.

## **THE FORUM**

THE FORUM will start the 2019 Fall/Winter season on **Tuesday, September 10 @ 10:00 AM** with a look at The Old Testament as interpreted by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. Professor Levine is currently teaching the New Testament at Vanderbilt University. Her expertise in, and respect for, both the Old and New Testaments makes her a wonderful bridge between her Jewish faith and Christianity.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The children were busy in May making surprise Mother's Day presents. We hope our gifts were enjoyed by mothers and grandmothers.

**The end of regular Sunday School will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>** this year. We will end the year with Children and Youth Sunday. The kids in Sunday School will be showing off their special art skills on that day.

**Summer Sunday School** will start the very next week on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. We have lesson plans for the summer and we will have a sign-up sheet in the hall during the month of May. If you would like to volunteer to take Sunday School for one hour during the summer, please see me to sign-up. Don't be afraid. It is only for one hour. Then you can go home and take a nap.

Deb McMurtrey  
Sunday School

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

We had our first Women's Ministry Potluck dinner on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a wonderful time of food, fellowship, inspiration and music. Thanks to **Fay Reed** for organizing this new ministry at our church. Also, thanks to **Doris Smith** for overseeing the kitchen and **Nancy Smith** for supplying the music for the evening.

Please consider joining us for the next Women's Potluck on **June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. Just bring a dish to share and feel free to invite your friends to join us. Make sure you put this date on your calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Fay Reed. 410-980-9884 [Faysreed21@gmail.com](mailto:Faysreed21@gmail.com)

Looking ahead to the coming months, July will be a busy month for the Outreach Committee. There will be things to do for the Camp Hope team. And, believe it or not, it will be the month we need to organize for the Backpack and School Supply project.

Deb McMurtrey, Outreach Committee

### **SARAH'S HOUSE WISH LIST - June:** Dish Soap

### **NEWS FROM MT. CARMEL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Welcome to June! Hopefully we will have a drier month than May! We are so excited to start our summer camp; we have many fun things planned, especially a visit from the famous Oriole Bird. We still have a couple of spaces left if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our camp.

Thank you to everyone who donated to **St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon; we raised \$4,168.00** which will go directly to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Our donations could pay for two days of oxygen for a patient, a day of chemotherapy for another and red blood cell transfusions for about eight other patients. Please keep these children and families in your prayers.

Our Mother's Day Tea was on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> for our pre-school classes which included singing and having a special treat with their Moms, Grand moms, Aunts and or a special friend. Everyone had a great time!

Our center wide Baltimore Zoo field trip was on Thursday, May 2, 2019; what a beautiful day it was, sunny and warm! Everyone had a great time including all of the teachers! It was so amazing to see a lot of God's creatures and how much the children enjoyed watching them.

We are still waiting on the final totals from our Rita's and paint night fundraisers. I will let you know as soon as we hear back from both of these.

Our preschool Graduation was on May 31, 2019, and it is so hard to believe that another school year has ended. We would like to send all of our students well wishes as they leave Mt. Carmel and enter kindergarten in the Fall. Thank you to Miss Amy, her group of volunteers, and Miss Sarah Jenkins for their help in starting our center vegetable garden. They have also planted a few beautiful flowers. Please come by and see our garden - located outside of the kitchen door (on the side of the building). It looks wonderful. Our school-age children will be in charge of watering and taking care of the garden, and hopefully enjoying some fresh vegetables this summer.

Thank you all for your continued support, help when needed, and prayers for our school. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful teachers, volunteers and friends to help make our school successful. Happy Summer to all!

Dawn M. Rey, Director

## GIRL'S NIGHT OUT (Woman's Ministry)

Girls Night Out... A woman's ministry to nourish your body & your soul. Pot Luck Supper with devotions/inspiration & music. Come enjoy some fun, food and fellowship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month... Join us on **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Open to ALL women. Bring a friend and a dish to share. See Fay Reed with questions.

## April 2019 ATTENDANCE & GIVING

April Monthly Giving – general budget: \$16,391 / restricted giving: \$4,033.

April Attendance – average weekly Sunday attendance was 85.

\*The reporting of attendance and giving figures is behind, due to information for the most recent month not being complete at the time of publication.

## OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

This world famous event is already sold-out, but I have reserved 12 tickets available on a first-come basis. First performed in 1634 in response to the Black Plague, the play has been presented once a decade ever since. Our tour will take us through medieval towns in Germany, the breathtaking Swiss Alps, the Burgundy wine region of France and ultimately to Paris, the "City of Lights" The date is Sept.18-28, 2020. The price of \$4399 includes airfare, hotels, most meals, play tickets, professional guide and deluxe motorcoach. For a complete brochure please contact Bob Paulen at 302-226-2269 or [bobpaulen@yahoo.com](mailto:bobpaulen@yahoo.com).

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Beziat	06
Jordan Calabrese	09
Marlys Leiter	09
Anne Cahill	10
Kevin Davis	10
Dolores Personett	10

Joan Schanken	10
Megan Schmitt	11
Lori Clough	12
Jeff Jones	12
David Coomes,IV	15
Madalyn Keller	17

Bonnie Hoyas	19
Aaron Fauconnet	21
Jason Schmitt	21
Sharrie Wade	23
Cathy Popp	27
Dee Scott	30

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

John & Diana Wilson	6/01
Christian & Allison Paul	6/14
Tony & Denise Calabrese	6/23
John & Pat Mulkey	6/27
Richard & Lois Freburger	6/30

## JUNE EVENTS

### **6/02 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary: Children Youth Sunday**

6/03 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
6/03 – 6:30 p.m. Trustees  
6/04 – 7 p.m. – Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
6/05 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
6/06 – 11:45 a.m. – Last Faith Hope Circle till Sept  
6/06 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
6/07 – Girl's Night Out, pot luck – Fellowship Hall

### **6/09 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**

6/10 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
6/10 – 7 p.m. – Strategic Planning Workshop #2  
6/11 – 7 p.m. - Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
6/12 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
6/13 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall

### **6/16 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**

6/17 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
6/17 – NO Admin Council  
6/18 - 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troop #412 – Church Hall  
6/19 – 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
6/20 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall

### **6/23 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**

6/24 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
6/25 – 6 p.m. – Child Care Board  
6/25 – 7 p.m. - Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
6/26 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
6/27 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall

### **6/30 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**

*A complete calendar of events can be found at <http://mymcumc.org/events/>*

## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday:

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery 10:00 a.m.

### Monday:

Tiger Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday:

Forum 10:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Prayer Group 9:30 a.m.

### Thursday:

Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.

## LITURGISTS SCHEDULE

Carol Mosmiller	5/05/19
Phyllis Basil	5/12/19
Warren Magruder	5/19/19
Nancy Trimper	5/26/19

## Hello Mt. Carmel eGivers!

Starting as soon as you're ready, you too can be a Mt Carmel e-Giver! Let us know and we will be happy to help you get setup. - Financial Secretary, Dave Shelton

**Fresh Flower Fee Increase:** The cost of fresh flowers on the alter has increased to \$30. Silk flower fees remain the same (a donation of your choosing.) Please continue to put your payment in the offering on the day you have requested the flowers.