



AUGUST, 2024 – NEWSLETTER



*Summer Adventure
Camp: God's Big World*

... the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (NIV)





THANK YOU! to all our campers, staff, and the church for a wonderful week of discovering God's creation. We gardened, crafted, sang, danced, played games and learned how much God loves us through lots of stories.

Next year's theme is Mission: Parable—uncovering mysteries in the stories of Jesus. Come for another great week of camp where we will enjoy games, singing, stories, crafts, detecting and discovery.

We'll be holding summer camp in the second or third week of July. Dates will be announced in January. Please contact me if you would like to reserve your spot.

Coming this fall: Mondays from Sept. 9th to 30th, 6 p.m. to 7p.m. **Exploring Faith** is a four-week discussion-based series aimed at deepening our knowledge on questions like: Who is Jesus? What is the church's purpose today? What's a Presbyterian? What is our role as Christians in justice?

Other questions are welcome. We'll be using one of our Presbyterian Church's resources, Living Faith, as a starting point. Co-hosts are Tony Cirone and me. Please let the church office know if you are coming so we can have enough materials available. If you are interested in joining BEPC, or just learning more about faith and want an opportunity to talk about it in a casual environment, this is for you!

Rev. Susan Kerr



***A thank
you rose
for your
generosity***

As the congregation was told on July 14, F&M is very happy to report that our membership's generosity - an eight-per-cent increase in givings - has resulted in a surplus in envelope contributions of \$2,222.00 for the second quarter. For the first six months of the fiscal 2024 year, our envelope shortfall is now \$897.00.

*As we move into the summer months, givings typically drop off while members enjoy time away. **If you could see your way to continue with regular envelope givings, we could close the gap.***

Happy Summer.

Ron Decker for Finance & Maintenance.

BOOK, BIBLE & BAG LUNCH CLUB

Adventures in:

Acts

 **MONDAYS AT 11:30 AM**

 **NEXT MTG MONDAY Sept. 9**

 **MORE INFORMATION SEE REV. KERR**



Friends under the July sunshine - Monday men's group



Mission months: July and August are dedicated to ***Food For Life.***

You can donate via BEPC



CHOIR PRACTICE ... yes, that time of year is fast-approaching so enjoy your rest while you still have a few weeks. And start getting your vocal cords warmed up.

You've been missed, choir – not only by the music director but also by the congregation and those listening online.

Choir practices will resume:

Date: Wed. Sept. 4

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: in the Sanctuary

See you soon current choir members as well we hope as **new members!**

Halyna Dickison
Music Director

**Exploring Faith and Jesus
September 9,16,23,30
6pm-7pm**

**Talk to Rev Susan or Tony Cirone,
or call 905.637.5155**

NEW!
Gather and Connect
Thursday, September 26
7:00-8:30/9pm

A CHANCE TO VISIT AND RECONNECT.
INVITE A FRIEND OR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Next!! Monthly Prayer Group September 26 11am



- Come join us for a time of confidential prayer for others—**ALL WELCOME**
- Questions? Please speak to Rev. Susan or Jackie Wolfe
- Do not be anxious for anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests to God. And the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4:6-7

Men's Group



COME HELP THEM SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS
MONDAYS AT 10 AM - McRAE ROOM

NEXT WOMENS
GATHERING IS
LUNCH @



Burloak / Wycroft Road

ON AUGUST 8
AT 1 PM

LET ANN or JANE KNOW
BY AUGUST 4,
IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

Burlington East Social Club



The Social Club continues to meet
every Monday afternoon,
from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$2.00 admission covers coffee,
snacks and future events.

New members always welcome.

See Ron or Susan for details

BEPC offers
several sound
reinforcement
& listening
options

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE
TO HEAR THE SERVICE?



Bluetooth



Headset



T-Coil

See Ron Dekker or Bob Dickison
for confidential assistance.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS



COMMITTEE / GROUP	DATE / TIME
CHOIR REHEARSAL	See you in September!!
F&M COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 @ 7:30 PM
PASTORAL CARE	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 @10:30AM
PRAYER GROUP	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19 @11:00 AM
SESSION	MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9 @ 7:30 PM
TECHNOLOGY GROUP	TUESDAY AUGUST 6 @ 7:00 PM



Prepared

While we were at church on Sunday morning, August 31, 1986, a Piper Cherokee nearby collided with the stabilizers of Aeroméxico Flight 498. The small private plane crashed in an empty school playground in Cerritos, California, USA; all three passengers died. The Aeroméxico flight slammed into a residential neighbourhood on nearby Carmenita Road and exploded on impact, obliterating five houses and damaging seven more. All 64 passengers and crew died, as well as 15 people on the ground. Aerial photos show a huge blackened path through the residential area.

Two hours earlier, we had driven to church right through that area, expecting

to return the same way. Those on the two planes probably boarded without thought of a crash. Those on the ground didn't expect an airplane to land on top of them. One of the mothers had gone to the store for groceries; she returned home to find it destroyed, along with her husband and two sons. There was a party at one of the other houses; all lost their lives.

Most mornings, we wake up expecting a normal day. I doubt that we will experience something this dramatic, but "crashes" will come unexpectedly: medical, emotional, physical, or terminal.

I don't know the spiritual condition of those who perished, but since those on the ground were not at church on a Sunday morning, it's likely that some were not spiritually prepared for sudden death. I don't know the spiritual condition of many who will read this devotional, but I know that it's not too late to be prepared for such a "crash".

First, we must be sure that we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (*John 3:16 NLT*)

Crashes will come, but we are assured that "when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (*James 1:2-4 NLT*)

Then we can take Paul's advice: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (*Philippians 4:6-7 NLT*)

Do we live our lives with the future in mind? What do we need to change today to make sure that we'll survive those inevitable times when life crashes around us? Are we prepared both for sudden "crashes" in our lives and for our eternal future?

Prayer: Lord, we want to be prepared, both for life's emergencies and for our future in eternity. Help us to trust in You and in Your hand on our lives. Amen.

We do everything we can to keep all the information in these newsletters as accurate, inclusive of everyone in our BEPC family, and informative as possible. We apologize in advance for any omissions or errors. They are by no means intentional.

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