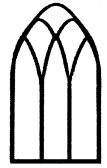




THE WINDOW



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ONE

***One Body, One Spirit, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism,
One God and Father of All***

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

This past July we joined together in worship on Sundays as a one whole church family at 10:00. Like families do, we compromised and met in the middle at 10:00 rather than our 8:30 or 10:30 times. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Our unity in the Fort Hill church community time this July allowed for ample opportunities to study (thanks to our hard-working Christian Education Ministry and teachers), fellowship before worship (thanks to Bob Littleson, the coffee guy, and our Fellowship Ministry), and even on Sunday Evenings as we enjoyed old fashioned Sunday night fellowship and Bible School.

I hope these things gave you an opportunity to share your pew with someone new or someone who you have not seen in a while. We intentionally took elements which make both of our services special adding the *Passing of the Peace* from the 8:30 worship and the special music of the 10:30 thanks to our musicians. You have shown a spirit of encouragement, willingness to try new things for the good of the whole, and I hope you have been blessed by doing so. Ultimately though, we have praised God together with our united voices. This is the most important thing we can do as a church, sometimes giving up personal preference for the larger good and to worship God as one Body.

Now we return to our busy schedules as August approaches taking on the rhythm of school starting, the sound of marching bands, and hopefully some refreshment from the Sabbath time that summer provides.

Yours in Christ,
Laura Smith Conrad

August 2010

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University Ministry

Mary Gause, Associate Pastor for
Christian Education

Rodney Norris, Associate Pastor
for Youth and Young Adults

Pansy Duke, Parish Visitor

Jack Stevenson, Pastoral Counselor

Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

August 1st- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

August 8th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

August 15th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2, Luke 12:49-56

August 22nd- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

August 29th-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

Upcoming Events for Worship

August 1

We resume our regular schedule for worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am

August 8

Youth Sunday: Middle School and Senior Highs prepare and lead us in worship

August 15

Blessing of the Backpacks: children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship

August 22

College Luncheon following 10:30 am worship. Please bring a dish to share and get to know the students living here. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women.

September 2010 WINDOW DEADLINE

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the September 2010 issue of *The Window* is **Friday, August 20**. Please email your item as a Microsoft WORD document (.doc) to the church office at [window@forthillchurch.org](mailto>window@forthillchurch.org). or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, please leave the item in *The Window* mailbox in the FHOG office.

Announcements and Concerns

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Patrick Adams and family upon the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sue Gilmer.

KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL:

Vi Ford

Randall Poole

Stacy Fowler

John Sherman

Congregational meeting to elect the Officer Nominating Committee

Date: August 22 at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary

The Officer Nominating Committee is responsible for prayerfully discerning those who are called to lead and serve our congregation as elders and deacons for three year terms. The ONC will accept suggestions and nominations from you, the members, and seek to provide a representative body of elders and deacons. They will present a slate of nominees at a Congregational meeting in late fall.

The Session appoints two Elders. The Board of Deacons appoints one deacon. The Presbyterian Women, Youth Ministry Team, and the Men of the Church each appoints one member. Then the congregation nominates three at-large members to serve in this capacity. This Committee will be elected by the Congregation on August 22. Please send any nominations for the ONC to Helen Wooten, elder and chair of this year's committee, by August 15.

Disciple Bible Study



Are you ready to be challenged?

Wish you knew more about the Bible?

The Christian Education Ministry is offering an 11-week Bible study on the Psalms, offered at two separate times – Monday evenings OR Wednesday mornings from September 8th–November 17th. Using an [Invitation to the Psalms](#) by Disciple, we will explore a people’s faithfulness as they determine who God is throughout the writings in the Psalms. The first study is offered on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm and the same study is repeated Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am–12:00 pm. The course requires weekly homework. The cost is \$12 for a workbook which may be paid at the INTRODUCTORY MEETING TO BE HELD Wednesday, September 8th at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm (attend the one that corresponds to your chosen class time) in the library. Registration is limited to 12 per class...although a full waiting list will mean the addition of another class so please register early! Please contact Mary Gause (mary.gause@forthillchurch.org or 654-2061) by September 1st to register for the class.



Blessing of the Backpacks

All children/youth/adults who use a backpack or book bag for school or work are invited to bring

their backpacks with them to worship on Sunday, August 15th (both services) for a special time of *blessing the backpacks* ... and the wearers of those packs/bags! Hope all persons of all ages will come and participate!

Please note this change of address:

Vi Ford
150 Downs Blvd. D-107
Clemson, SC 29631
phone: 654-2986



Church Mouse

Oh, my! Things sure are busy this summer at Fort Hill.

First I want to congratulate our new high school graduates: SAM BURCHFIELD, JAKE CROWTHER, JULIANNA ELLIS, ELIZABETH HAWTHORNE, ANDY MARTIN, COREY McCUBBIN, JONATHAN MUDGE, COREY NORRIS, MATTHEW RICE, PERRY ROGERS, WILLIAM SPITLER, and ANDREW TRAMMELL.

The Fourth of July was loads of fun for me. First there was that special breakfast that BECKY DEWITT, HELEN WOOTEN, & NANCY SPITLER helped to organize. Then there was the Hot Dog lunch. There were so many crumbs, that I was FULLLLL and had to take a nap afterwards.

I have two sets of names of those who helped serve communion. First in June: ROBYN DENNY, LINDA GAHAN, WILL GREGORY, CAL SAWYER, TOM SCOTT, HACK TRAMMELL, ART WILLIAMS, and SAMANTHA YOUNG from the Elders. From the Deacons: JANET BEAN, ROB KEY, KAREN LINDENMEYER, HARVEY SPRINGER, GAIL WILLIAMS, & BRYAN YOUNG. Plus that nice HAZEL SPARKS organized a potluck in June. Then serving Communion on July 4th were: CAL SAWYER, SUZANNE SIMMONS, HELEN WOOTEN, BOB & SUSAN BROWN, BOB & NAN JONES, ART & GAIL WILLIAMS, ETHEL PETTIGREW, AMY ELROD, and LINDA GAHAN.

I heard EVA HENRY telling someone that BARRY & ALETA ROBINSON took all the magazines to Patrick Harris Hospital (5 boxes) and to the Richard Campbell Veterans Hospital (8 boxes). Wow that’s a lot of reading stuff for the people there.

The choir room was busy earlier this month with the news about our new choir director: MARGARET MACKAY. I hope all of you thank those on the Search Committee: DIRECTOR TERRI BRUCE, GEORGE DUNKLEBERG, JOHN SHERMAN, ROBIN WEEKS, MERI KATE MARCUM, & REA CAUTHEN. Then there were the advisors to the search committee: CHARLES BARRON, CATHY OLKER, & LESLIE HICKLIN. The music staff and office staff helped too: JUDY BONHAM, KRISTY MACRAE, & LORI HOUCK.

Oh, my. I’ve got to stop now! I hear little feet running towards me.

Say “Thanks” to all who help make Fort Hill great.



August 2010 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 <i>Pot Luck Breakfast</i>—Club room</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-5pm NAMI—CCR</p>
Elementary Mission Mania —9AM-4PM — Youth Room						
		<p>6pm Building & Grounds—Conf. Rm. 6pm Folk Dance-TH 7pm Personnel Mtg.—Conf. Rm. 7:15pm Christian Ed. Mtg.—Room 206</p>	<p>3-4pm Ice Cream Social for Clemson Downs Residents—Corley Center</p>	<p>10am Transformation Team Mtg.—Library</p>		
<p>8</p> <p>1-6pm NAMI CCR</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm Scouts—CR, TH, Dungeon 6:30pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry Mtg.—Youth Rm.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Music Mtg.-Conf. Rm. 6pm Folk Dance Group-CR 6:30pm Worship Mtg.-Conf. Rm. 6:30pm Finance Mtg.-BH class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3pm Sermon Starters—Downs</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am-5pm NAMI—CCR 1-2:30 Girl Scouts BH Class #1 3pm Harrison/Stenvall Wedding Sanctuary, CR, Rm. 205</p>
<p>15</p> <p>RALLY DAY</p> <p>1-6pm NAMI CCR</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm Folk Dance Group—CR</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3pm Sermon Starters—Downs</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am Transformation Team Mtg.—Library</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Deadline for The Window</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am-5pm NAMI—CCR</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:15am Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary WELCOME BACK PICNIC after worship TH 2pm NAMI—CR 4pm Scouts CR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Scouts—CR, TH, Dungeon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm Folk Dance Group—TH 7pm Session Mtg.—CR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am PW Circle Leaders Mtg.—CCR 3pm Sermon Starters—Downs</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>11:30 Reception for Vic Shelburne & Tim Howard—TH 2:30pm NAMI—CR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:15 Scouts—CR, TH, Dungeon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm Folk Dance Group-CR</p>			<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:30 am Worship —TH 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary</p>	<p><u>Key to abbreviations:</u> CR-Club Room TH-Tartan Hall Conf. Rm.-Conference Room CCR-Cooper classroom BH-Bethlehem Hall</p>

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR JOINS THE FORT!

As most of you know, Bill Diekhoff retired as the Chancel Choir Director after an illustrious musical career here at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. We were blessed to have his musical prowess with us for so many years. His retirement left us with the significant task of trying to replace such a talented musician. However, I have always believed that when one door is closed, God opens another. So, even though we knew that we would miss Bill, we chose to trust God and to turn our challenge into an opportunity for our congregation.

In February, the Music Director Search Committee was established by the Session during the annual Session Retreat. While at Montreat, Session charged the committee members, George Dunkleberg, John Sherman, Robin Weeks, Meri Kate Marcum, Rea Cauthen, and me (Terri Bruce), with the task of finding a new Music Director. In addition to the committee members, Leslie Hicklin (Worship), Cathy Olker (Music), Charles Barron (Personnel & Program Support), Judy Bonham (Organist/Handbell Choir Director), Kristy MacRae (Director of Childrens' Choirs), and Laura Conrad (Pastor, Head of Staff) served as advisors.

The committee members and advisors first met to establish a job description for the position. We knew that we wanted the position of "Music Director" to continue the rich tradition of excellent musicality embodied in the Chancel Choir. However, we also felt that it was time to expand the position to encompass a greater range of ministry through music. Therefore, responsibilities of the Music Director were outlined to include coordination of a music program for the Middle and High School Youth, integration of music into the 8:30 worship service and support for the music endeavors of PSA. In addition, we established that the Music Director will work with the pastors, fellow music staff, the Worship Ministry and Music Subcommittee of Worship to oversee the integration of music into the overall mission of Fort Hill Church.

With a new job description in hand, we set about our task of identifying the right person for the job. We were very blessed to receive resumes from several outstanding applicants. After conducting initial phone interviews, three applicants were invited to Clemson for all day interviews. The interview included meeting with each of the pastors to discuss their particular ministries, a tour of the music facilities with Judy Bonham, a tour of the Clemson area with me, an interview with the search committee, dinner with the search committee and advisors, a brief meeting with Kristy MacRae, and a rehearsal with Chancel Choir members. We "studied" each of them for about 8 hours!

After meeting with all of the candidates and considering all of the comments from everyone who met with them, we realized that one person fit our needs at Fort Hill perfectly.

It is our distinct pleasure to introduce our new Fort Hill Music Director, Mrs. Margaret MacKay.

Margaret received her AA in music from Anderson College, her BM in organ performance from Furman University, and her MCM in organ performance from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She continues her music education annually at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. She is a member of PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians), Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium, American Guild of Organists, Choristers Guild, and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

Through the years, Margaret has served as the organist at Good Hope Presbyterian Church (Iva, SC), Second Presbyterian Church (Greenville, SC), First Baptist Church (Belton, SC) and Springdale Presbyterian Church (Louisville, KY). She has served as the organist and choir director at St. John's United Methodist Church (Anderson, SC), and Boulevard Baptist Church (Anderson, SC). Additionally, Margaret has been the organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, SC for the past 18 years. While in this position, she has not only played the organ and directed the Chancel Choir, but has also led handbells, middle and high school choirs, and children's choirs.

She lives in Anderson, SC, with her husband, Raymond. Her hobbies include walking, exercise, reading, traveling and cooking.

In her own words:

"Church music has been and continues to be my life since becoming an organist at age 13. I believe that music holds importance for every Christian. Just as Colossians 3:16 says 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to

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God.' Music can be a sermon in itself. Every person who worships in a communal worship setting has the opportunity for music to minister to them in congregational hymns, in solos, in choir anthems, and in instrumental music, all offered by children, youth, and adults. My objective is to enable and train people of all ages to use their gifts of music to the glory of God and to lead others in worship to do the same."

Margaret will be officially joining us at Fort Hill on September 1, 2010. I know that everyone will extend to her and Raymond the friendly hand that makes Fort Hill such a great place to be!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not give a HUGE thanks to all of the individuals who have been a part of making sure that this endeavor was a success. Please be sure to join me in thanking the pastors, Laura Conrad, Mary Gause, Rodney Norris, Bill Gause and Kerin Watts; the office and music staff, Lori Houck, Judy Bonham and Kristy MacRae; the Chancel Choir members; the Worship Ministry; the Finance Ministry; the Personnel and Program Support Ministry; the Session; the search committee advisors, Leslie Hicklin, Cathy Olker, and Charles Barron; and most importantly the search committee members, George Dunkelberg, John Sherman, Robin Weeks, Meri Kate Marcum, and Rea Cauthen. It has been a pleasure working with all of you!

Peace,

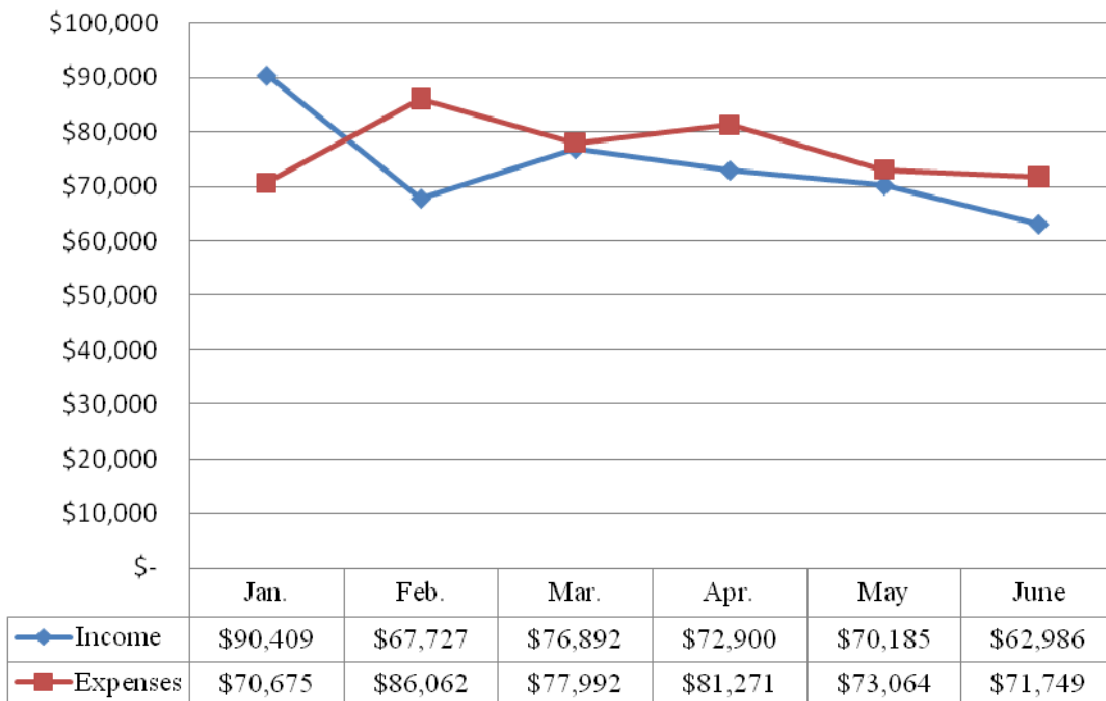
Terri F. Bruce, Music Director Search Committee Chair

From the Finance Ministry

We have reached the half way point of 2010 and through the end of June, General Fund income was \$430,949.95 (47% of budget) while total expenses were \$454,854.08 (50% of budget) leaving a deficit of \$23,904.13. As you can see, ministry chairs are doing a great job of spending within their budgets. Income is behind expenses as contributions are typically slow during the summer months. Please continue your support through your pledges and offerings to avoid shortfalls.

The mortgage balance as of 6/30/2010 was \$360,742.67. With a monthly payment of \$15,427.58, the mortgage will be paid in approximately 2 years.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses



August Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

August 1—Laura Conrad
August 8—Rodney Norris
August 15—Mary Gause
August 22—Laura Conrad
August 29—Rodney Norris

Elder at the Font—8:30 am Service

August 1—Ethel Pettigrew
August 8—Helen Wooten
August 15—Laura Shick
August 22—Mike Blackwell
August 29—Need a volunteer

Elder at the Font—10:30 am Service

August 1—Chris Bandy
August 8—Elizabeth Bost
August 15—Becky DeWitt
August 22—Sally Martin
August 29—Leslie Hicklin

Infant Nursery

August 1—Lou Phillips
August 8—Amy Worley
August 15—Eva Williamson
August 22—Stephanie Scott and Nancy Oates
August 29—Tootie Poteet

Toddler Nursery

August 1—Mark and Kerri Kwist
August 8—Kathy McGee
August 15—Joan Dixon and Virginia Ellis
August 22—Lauren and Samantha Young
August 29—Lisa Britt and Mimi Borick

2 & 3 year old Nursery

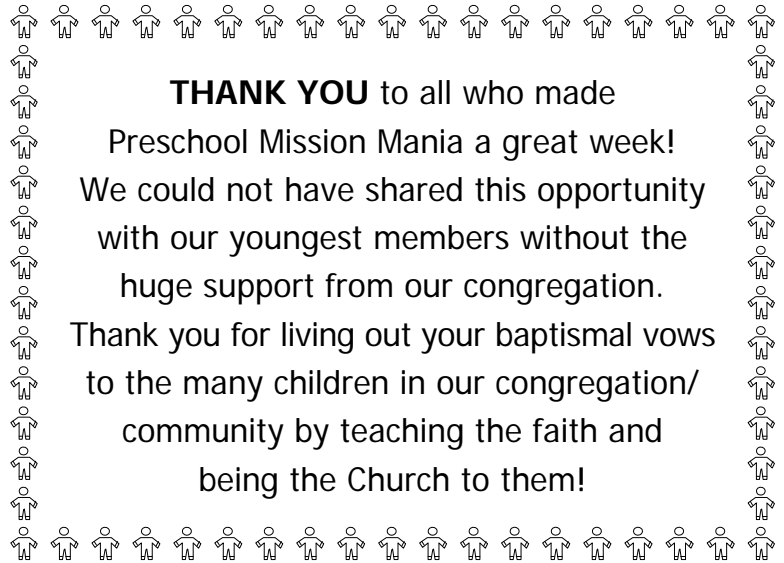
August 1—Donna McCubbin and Helen Mohr
August 8—Emily Bartels and Kristy MacRae
August 15—Philip and Meri Kate Marcum
August 22—Janet Johnson and Audrey Thompson
August 29—Anita, Mik, and Erik Fredman

4 & 5 year old Nursery

August 1—Chris and Maggie Bandy
August 8—Nathan and Shelly Wilson
August 15—Elizabeth Bost, Barbara Madison, and Sara Jo Skelton
August 22—Linda, Ben, and Anna Wofford
August 29—Karen and Cal Sawyer

Offering Counters

August 1—Fred Burgett and Diane Sherrick
August 8—Wayne Madison and Joe Dickey
August 15—Barbara Westall and Kathy Hughes
August 22—Karen and Tim Burg
August 29—Cathy and John Spragins



THANK YOU to all who made
Preschool Mission Mania a great week!
We could not have shared this opportunity
with our youngest members without the
huge support from our congregation.
Thank you for living out your baptismal vows
to the many children in our congregation/
community by teaching the faith and
being the Church to them!



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: *To my Fort Hill Family*
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: *Thank you for the many cards we received after*
: *my dad's death. We felt the thoughts, prayers and*
: *love from such good friends.*
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: *God bless you,*
: *Becky Fant*
:
: *Dear Fort Hill Friends,*
:
: *I truly appreciated all of your kindnesses while*
: *I was recuperating after my recent surgery. Thank*
: *you so much for all your visits, cards, calls, food*
: *and prayers for me during this time. It has been a*
: *comfort to be on the receiving end of all your good*
: *wishes and loving concerns. I feel very blessed to*
: *be part of such a caring church. Thank you again.*
:
: *Sincerely, Linda Mann*
:
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Moving on up to our Sunday School Kick-off Join Us for Rally Day!

Christian Education Ministry invites all of you to join us on August 15th at 9:15 am to celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School year.

- **Adults:** Come to Tartan Hall to celebrate a time of fellowship over a continental breakfast while browsing the adult education topics and classes for the fall.
- **Children and Youth:** Children age 2 (by September 1st) through Senior Highs will begin their fall Sunday school year by meeting new teachers and friends, enjoying special breakfast treats and starting their new lesson.

Children under two will be cared for in the church nursery.

Adult Sunday school classes begin meeting Sunday, August 22nd!

*Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ
and to share God's love in our community and around the world.*

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