



The Lectern

414 Hiden Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23606

September/October 2018



RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 9

Join us as we start the new church year!

Sunday School Classes Begin: Summer break is over!
Adult Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 am. *See the list on page 2.*

Officer Installation and Ordination:

All of our new officers-elect will be installed and/or ordained!

Elders, Class of 2021: Rob Collins, Arthur Henderson, John Mattern, John Vanderhoven, Robert Warren

Deacons, Class of 2021: Bill Espich, Paige Maddox, Chris Manry, Dan Tomblin, Melanie White

Youth Deacons, 2019: Layne Bartol, Tarquin Gersnter
Congratulations to these incoming officers!

Now is a great time to become involved in the life of our church! Join a committee, sing in the choir, play handbells, help lead our children and youth! Contact the church office for more information on how you can become involved! adams@hiddenwood.org or 757-596-1151.

Outdoor Service and Picnic!

Our Rally Day service is at 10:30 a.m. and it will be an outdoors (weather permitting). Immediately following, the church will enjoy a covered-dish picnic. Please bring a side dish, salad, or desert to share; the church will provide fried chicken.

Worship Service Schedule for Fall! One Service at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Schedule beginning September 16:

- 9:30 am—Adult Studies
- 10:30 am—Morning Worship
- 10:30 am—Children's Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship—Time TBA

Annual Pumpkin Festival, Saturday, October 20 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Planning is underway for our annual fall event!



Mark your calendars and volunteer to help set up, clean up, bake goodies for the bake sale, help staff a game or craft table and other volunteer opportunities. You

are needed to help make our festival a success!

If you are able to help the day of the Festival or are able to help bake for the bake sale please contact Misti Stowell at mististowell@yahoo.com or 785-341-2548.

More information will be on our website, hiddenwood.org!

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 12, 7 p.m.

Committees of the session and diaconate meet on the 2nd

Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. beginning in the chapel with devotion! Septembers' devotion by the Worship Committee.

Adult Sunday Studies

Journeys Class (*Ed Miles, 757-595-1851, techman551@gmail.com*) A study of C.S. Lewis' "The Four Loves," Room B (Beginning September 10)

Joy in the Word (*Charlie Michaelian, Coordinator, 757-877-7430, ctmichaelian@verizon.net*) Journey through an in-depth study of the Bible. McMullen Room

Mid-Week Programs

Committee Meetings (*Church Office, 757-596-1151, adams@hidenwood.org*) Second Wednesdays, beginning in the chapel with devotion at 7 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study (*Charlie Michaelian, 757-877-7430, ctmichaelian@verizon.net*) Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Conference Room

Caregiver Support Group (*Peggy Smith, 757-595-0068, peggy-hsmith@verizon.net*) First Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Support for those giving care to victims of dementia. Room B

Hidenwood Book Group (*Jimmie Espich, 757-595-6658, j.espich@jimmieandbill.us*) 1st Tuesdays of each month, 11 a.m. McMullen Room.

Yoga Classes (*Connie Topp, 757-236-5603, leapoff8h@cox.net/ Alice McAdory, 757-870-0485, alicemcadory@gmail.com*) By donation. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.; Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. McMullen Room

Youth Ministry

Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship (*Carey Gerstner, 757-596-1151, carey@hidenwood.org*) For youth 6th through 12th graders. Begins September 9, Time TBA. (Sep-May)

Children's Ministry

Nursery (*Newborn-3 years*) Sunday mornings, 9:15 -11:45 a.m., and during special events. Room 100

Sunday School, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. *3 year old through 5th grade*, Conference Room. Begins September 16. (Sep-May)

Jr. Disciples (elementary children) Dinner, music, and program. Begins September 12, 5:30 -7 p.m., McKeithen Hall (see page 3)

Music Program

Preschool Choir Thursdays, 12:15 pm (during the school year)

Hidenbells (*Geoffrey Bell, 757-442-0607, bell@hidenwood.org*) New ringers welcome! Sundays, 11:45 a.m., Music Room

Sanctuary Choir (*Geoffrey Bell, 757-442-0607, bell@hidenwood.org*) New singers welcome! Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Music Room

Guitar Group (*Bill Lamont, 757-596-1151, lamont@hidenwood.org*) Mondays, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Coming Events

Book Club, Tuesday, Sept., 4, 11 a.m., McMullen Room
Varina by Charles Frazier

Women's Book Study, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m. Room B.
"Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved" by Kate Bowler

Family Fun Night, Friday, Sept. 21, 6-8 p.m. "Tacos & Legos." No charge. (See page 5) RSVP to carey@hidenwood.org

Blood Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1:15-7 p.m. Reserve your time, donkane62@verizon.net.

Rise Against Hunger food packaging event, Sat., Sept. 29, 10 a.m. Sign up at <http://events.stophungernow.org/Hidenwood>

Book Club, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m., McMullen Room. *Elephant Company* by Vicki Croke

Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.

Pumpkins Delivered, Sat., Oct. 13. Time TBA

Pumpkin Patch Open, Oct. 14-31, 12-6 p.m.

Women's Book Study, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. Room B.

Pumpkin Festival, Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m., Vendor Fair; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., festival (see front page)

Christopher Newport University Music Fest, Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m., Pope Chapel

Information on all these upcoming events can be found on our website, hidenwood.org!

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The Truth

My daughter is interested in journalism and frankly, I don't know what to advise her. These are dark days to be part of "the press." Newspaper subscriptions have shrunk about 35% in recent years. More and more people are turning to the computer for the source of their news. To make matters worse, the new tariffs have jacked the price of newsprint substantially, costing daily newspapers even more to provide print copy. Hence, journalists are being laid off nowadays, not hired.

From
the
Pastor

Ironically, the time couldn't be more ripe for good journalism. The truth is under attack in our age with fake news postings coming out of Russia and with a climate of distrust within caused by deep political divisions. Truth has become a suspect commodity – relativized, cheapened, and demoted to the status of "a point of view."

I shudder to think what it would be like to live in a society where the truth has no status. We Presbyterians believe that the truth is a real thing that can be articulated and lived out. It's why we adhere to a Book of Confessions. It's why we read the Bible. It's what we devote our lives to. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light." (John 14:6) What does that mean if all truth is relativized? Is Jesus the truth for me but not for you? The truth is real and it is powerful. You can run from the truth but it's hard to hide from it. The truth will find you out. And when it does, it's irrefutable. We are rendered speechless before the truth.

Presbyterians claim that one of the Great Ends of the Church (our reason for being) is "the preservation of the truth." As we gather for worship this fall, let us remember that high calling. We don't gather simply for the singing or the fellowship, we gather to hear the truth proclaimed clearly so that it can shape and guide us. We gather so that we can go into the world to proclaim the truth in word and deed.

The truth is central to our faith. And the truth above all truths is printed boldly across the front wall of our sanctuary for all to see: Jesus Christ is Lord. The truth claims us and calls us.

See you in church. –Bill

Children's Ministry Happenings for September and October

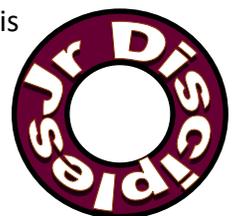
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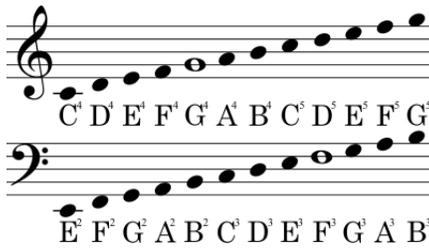
Summer has flown by here at Hidenwood. We had opportunities to get together, make new friends and have fun all summer long. It is hard to believe that school will be starting, preschool voices will once again fill our hallways, and new opportunities for fun will be available! Check out our coming events below to see what we have planned for you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at carey@hidenwood.org or 757-596-1151. *Blessings, Carey*



Sunday school will blast off on Sunday, September 16 at both 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. We will "Boldly Go" into our new year of Sunday school as we explore how to BOLDLY live out our faith every day through art, storytelling, games, crafts, music, videos and lessons!

Jr. Disciples returns on Wednesday, September 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Jr. Disciples is our mid-week program for elementary school children, grades K—5th. Each week we meet for dinner, music, crafts, games and a lesson, learning about our faith and making new friends as we go. We also maintain the Giving Garden in the courtyard. This year our focus will be on God's promises and how he keeps them. You can register online at Hidenwood.org or by emailing carey@hidenwood.org.





LEARN HOW TO READ MUSIC THIS FALL!

Have you ever wanted to read music but never had the time or opportunity to learn? Do you wish you knew what all those musical symbols in the hymnal meant every Sunday? Or maybe you took lessons a long time ago but want to dust off your musical knowledge and review?

If any of those sound like you, Geoffrey is planning to offer a class on basic music notation and concepts this fall. It will be held on Thursday nights at 6 p.m., beginning September 13 and lasting until the end of fall. The cost is \$10 to cover the book and materials for the class (which you get to keep!). If you are interested in taking the class, please let Geoffrey know by September 9. bell@hiddenwood.org

MUSIC NOTES

Summer is coming to an end and that means our musical programs are gearing up for another busy year!

The **Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 6, at 7 p.m. If you've ever thought about joining the choir, now is the time! No musical training is necessary – we can work with any voice!

Hiddenbells rehearsals will begin September 16 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. You don't have to read music – new ringers are always welcome; just be able to count to 4 and hold two bells. We always spend time reviewing basic ringing technique during our first rehearsals, so it's the perfect time to jump in!

In addition to the regular musical groups, there will be several exciting musical offerings this fall. Look for a brochure in the coming weeks detailing our **Music in the Woods** season, which kicks off in October. The **United Campus Ministries Festival of Church Music** will be held Sunday, October 28, at 3 p.m. at CNU's Pope Chapel. And, of course, our annual Christmas musical program will be held during the service on December 9 – this is a great opportunity to join the choir or bell choir for a special program without the weekly Sunday commitment.

As we prepare to kick off another year of music ministry at Hiddenwood, I hope that you'll take some time to consider the part you can play in our ministry. Whether you're a singer, bell ringer, instrumentalist, or just someone who loves music and the arts, there's a place for you to "make a joyful noise" in one (or more!) of our music ministries!

Soli Deo Gloria! -Geoffrey Bell

2018-2019 Fellowship Dinner Schedule



Hiddenwood's new program year begins on Sunday, September 9—Rally Day! Our Rally Day Picnic starts off our fellowship dinner schedule. (See front page for more information on our picnic.) The following is the schedule of Fellowship Dinners for the coming year:

Wednesday, November 14—One of our favorite dinners of the year! The **Youth Thanksgiving Pot Luck** dinner. The youth will provide the turkey and dressing. You will be asked to

bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share with others. This is a fundraiser for our youth. The Thanksgiving Service will be held immediately following dinner and everyone is invited to attend this service. Committees of the session and diaconate meet right after the worship service.

Wednesday, December 12—Christmas Dinner, 6 pm (no committee meetings!)

Tuesday, March 5—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our annual Fat Tuesday celebration. 5:30-7 pm

Wednesday, May 9—Spring Fellowship Dinner, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10—Summer Fellowship Dinner, 6-7 p.m.

Watch future "News You Can Use" and bulletin inserts for other fellowship opportunities throughout the year!

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 6* 10 a.m.



Bring your pets to this outdoor service where we give thanks for the comfort and joy they bring to our lives. Pets must be on a leash or in a crate. Donations of pet food and money will benefit a local pet shelter. Unique and exotic pets welcome!

Family Fun Night! Friday

September, 21 ~ 6-8 p.m.

Join the Children's Ministry for our first Family Fun Night of the year. Enjoy a night of Legos and Tacos! Build a taco, eat a taco, have fun with family and friends. Open to families and children of all ages! To make a reservation email carey@hiddenwood.org.



Annual Food Packaging Event Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Register at

<http://events.stophungernow.org/Hiddenwood>

We will have our ninth "RISE AGAINST HUNGER" gathering here at Hiddenwood on September 29, and will need **many volunteers** to do the "hands on work" of assembling packages to be sent away to feed the hungry. Mark your calendars now so you can be a part of this fun event.

Ask a friend now to join the fun and help make this a successful mission!

Please Pray for These Members & Friends

At Home: Frances Baker, Chris Jordan Ashley Brown (Betty Anglin's great granddaughter), Bucky Bryan, Jennings & Mary Jane Bryan, Eloise Caine, Chris Cox (Delaware), Bob Cummings (NJ), Bill & Virginia Goslee, Alice Heldenfels, Burton Hill, Suzy Knox, Marvin Lulofs, Nell O'Connor, Gene Pociluyko, Dolores Romanick, Sue Snyder, Martha Wineman (Gloucester)

Colonial Harbor: Joe Block

The Arbors: Cathy & Allen Comstock, Tressie Runyon

James River Convalescent Ctr.: Jan Connell

York Convalescent Center: Helen Lulofs

Morningside of Williamsburg: Anne Russell

Chesapeake Healthcare: Jackie Hall, Agnes Johnson, Frances Hoyle; Assistant Living: Rachel Wallis, Henrietta Vinson, Gil Snyders

Warwick Forest: Mae Hoffman, Nancy Davis, Bill & Marjorie Michael, Mary Sherwood Holt, Joyce Kinlock

The Hiddenwood: Margaret Patterson, Ruth Bohn, Shirley LaMan, Mary Kincaid

Patriot's Colony: Jean Morris

The Newport: Betty Mulac, Stan Mitchell, Judy Saville, Doris Hancock

Military Personnel: CW4 Christopher Shawen (son of Neal & Betty Shawen); 1st Lt. Tyler J. Brandt (grandson of Carlton

Adams), Robert Mosbrooks (son-in-law of Debby Hemeon); Clint Jackson (grandson of Raye Gwyn); Stephen C. Pociluyko II (grandson of Gene Pociluyko); Capt. Joshua T. Christian (grandson of Shirley and Bob Jones). *If there are any updates or suggestions, please contact the church office!*

Sympathy to:

The family of Mary Ellen Hornsby who died June 15, 2018.

Kim and Olivia Strunk in the loss of their husband and father, Steve, who died July 16, 2018

The family of Judy Ahearn who died July 28.

Stew Fleming in the loss of his sister, Gay Woronov, who died August 20, 2018, in New York.



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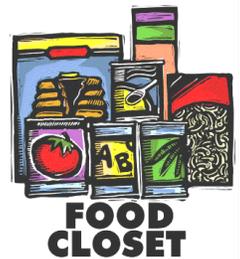
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Remember the Food Closet!

Thank you for your constant support of our Food Closet! Please continue to remember the Food Closet on your shopping trips. Your donations are always appreciated—by the committee and those who benefit from your generosity!



Here's a list of foods that are constantly needed:

Canned meats (such as tuna, chicken, stew, chili)	
Soups	Applesauce
Canned fruits	Boxed potatoes and rice
Hot and/or cold cereals	Pasta sauces
Pudding and gelatin mixes	Powdered milk

Personal items such as toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste are needed as well.

Thanks for your continued support! The Mission Committee