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From Carroll Fitzgerald

THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS....

In 1921 David and Svea Flood went with their two-year-old son from Sweden to the heart of Africa, to what was then called the Belgian Congo. This missionary couple met up with the Ericksons, another young Scandinavian couple, and the four of them sought God for direction. In those days of much devotion and sacrifice, they felt led by the Lord to set out from the main mission station to take the gospel to the village of N'dolera, a remote area.

This was a huge step of faith. There, they were rebuffed by the chief, who would not let them enter his town for fear of alienating the local gods. The two couples opted to build their own mud huts half a mile up the slope. They prayed for a spiritual breakthrough, but there was none. Their only contact with the villagers was a young boy, who was allowed to sell them chickens and eggs twice a week. Svea Flood—a tiny woman only four feet, eight inches tall—decided that if this was the only African she could talk to, she would try to lead the boy to Jesus. And she succeeded! Meanwhile, malaria struck one member of the little missionary band after another. In time, the Ericksons decided they had had enough suffering and left to return to the central mission station. David and Svea Flood remained near N'dolera to carry on alone. Then, Svea found herself pregnant in the middle of the primitive wilderness. When the time came for her to give birth, the village chief softened enough to allow a midwife to help her. A little girl was born, whom they named Aina. The delivery was exhausting. Svea Flood was already weak from bouts of malaria so the birthing process was a heavy blow to her stamina. She died only 17 days after Aina was born.

Something snapped Inside David Flood at that moment. He dug a crude grave, buried his 27-year-old wife, and then went back down the mountain with his children to the mission station.

Giving baby Aina to the Ericksons, he snarled, "I'm going back to Sweden. I've lost my wife, and I obviously can't take care of this baby. God has ruined my life!" With that, he headed for the port, rejecting not only his calling, but God Himself. Within eight months, both the Ericksons were stricken with a mysterious malady and died within days of each other. Baby Aina was then turned over to another American missionary family who changed her Swedish name to "Aggie". Eventually they took her back to the United States at age three.

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This family loved Aggie. Afraid that if they tried to return to Africa some legal obstacle might separate her from them, they decided to stay in their home country and switch from missionary work to pastoral ministry. That is how Aggie grew up in South Dakota.

As a young woman, she attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. There she met and married Dewey Hurst. Years passed. The Hursts enjoyed a fruitful ministry. Aggie gave birth first to a daughter, then a son. In time, her husband became president of a Christian college in the Seattle area, and Aggie was intrigued to find so much Scandinavian heritage there.

One day she found a Swedish religious magazine in their mailbox. She had no idea who had sent it, and of course she couldn't read the words, but as she turned the pages, a photo suddenly stopped her cold.

There, in a primitive setting, was a grave with a white cross—and on the cross were the words SVEA FLOOD. Aggie got in her car and drove straight to a college faculty member whom she knew could translate the article. "What does this article say?"

The teacher shared a summary of the story.

"It is about missionaries who went to N'dolera, Africa, long ago. A baby was born. The young mother died. One little African boy was led to Jesus before that. After the whites had all left, the boy all grown up finally persuaded the chief to let him build a school in the village. He gradually won all his students to Christ and the children led their parents to Him. Even the chief became a follower of Jesus! Today there are six hundred believers in that village, all because of the sacrifice of David and Svea Flood."

Aggie was elated!

For the Hursts' 25th wedding anniversary, the college presented them with the gift of a vacation to Sweden. Aggie sought out her birth father.

David Flood was an old man now. He had remarried, fathered four more children, and generally dissipated his life with alcohol. He had recently suffered a stroke. Still bitter, he had one rule in his family: "Never mention the name of God! God took everything from me!"

After an emotional reunion with her half-brothers and half-sister, Aggie brought up the subject of her longing to see her father. They hesitated...."You can talk to him, but he's very ill now. You need to know that whenever he hears the name of God, he flies into a rage." Aggie walked into the squalid apartment, which had liquor bottles strewn everywhere, and slowly approached her 73-year-old father lying in a rumpled bed.

"Papa," she said tentatively.

He turned and began to cry.

"Aina!"

"I never meant to give you away!"

"It's all right, Papa," she replied, taking him gently in her arms.

"God took good care of me."

Her father instantly stiffened and his tears stopped.

"God forgot all of us. Our lives have been like this because of Him."

He turned his face back to the wall.

Aggie stroked his face and then continued, undaunted.

"Papa, I've got a marvelous story to tell you!"

"You didn't go to Africa in vain. Mama didn't die in vain. The little boy you won to the Lord grew up to win that whole village to Jesus! The one seed you planted in his heart kept growing and growing! Today there are 600 people serving the Lord because you were faithful to the call of God in your life!"

"Papa, Jesus loves you. He has never hated you or abandoned us."

The old father turned back to look into his daughter's eyes. His body relaxed.

He slowly began to talk.

And by the end of the afternoon, he had come back to the God he had resented for so many years. Over the next few days, father and daughter enjoyed warm moments together. A few weeks after Aggie and her husband returned to America, David Flood died.

And a few years later....

Aggie and her husband were attending an evangelism conference in London, England, when a report was given from Zaire (the former Belgian Congo).

The superintendent of the national church, representing some 110,000 baptized believers, spoke eloquently of the Gospel's spread in his nation.

Aggie could not help going to ask him afterward if he had ever heard of David and Svea Flood.

"Yes, madam," the man replied in French, his words being translated into English.

"Svea Flood led me to Jesus Christ! I was the boy who brought food to your parents before you were born. In fact, to this day, your mother's grave and her memory are honored by all of us."

He embraced Aggie for a long time, sobbing.

"You must come to Zaire! Your mother is the most famous and honored person in our history."

When Aggie and her husband went to N'dolera, they were welcomed by cheering throngs of villagers. Aggie even met the man who had been hired by her father to carry her down the mountain in a hammock-cradle.

Then the pastor escorted Aggie to see her mother's tomb with a white cross bearing her name. She knelt in the soil to pray and give thanks to God.

Later that day, in the church, the boy turned pastor read....

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24 "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." Psalm 126:5



APRIL HAPPENINGS



Stacey Hunter	April 01
Ellie Dymond	April 03
Carmen Scarborough	April 05
Gerald Abrecht	April 07
Nolan Gallion Sr	April 14
Lauren Hines	April 17
Sabrina Floros	April 18
Sandy Lloyd	April 20
Dick Kinard	April 21
Carol Biskup	April 22
Stephanie Gallion-Jackson	April 22
Carolyn Thomson	April 27
Jasmine Ahmed	April 29
Michael Zyski Jr	April 30



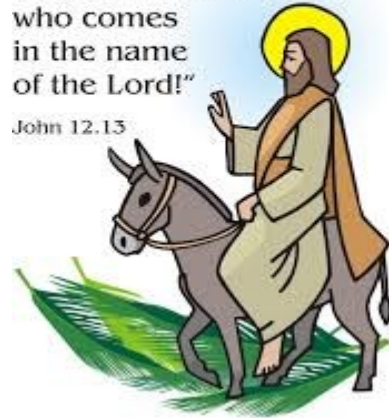
These were put on the last CPR by mistake:

<i>Bob & Marilyn Rudolph</i>	<i>April 01</i>
<i>Tim & Melanie Reese</i>	<i>April 23</i>

*MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY BY
TAKING THE TIME TO SEND A
CARD, GIVE A CALL OR TEXT TO
LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE
THINKING OF THEM ON THEIR
SPECIAL DAY.*

So they took
branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him,
shouting, "Hosanna!
Blessed is the one
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!"

John 12:13



SARAH CIRCLE
WILL MEET ON
TUESDAY - APRIL 12
7 p.m. IN THE LOUNGE



UPCOMING EVENTS

PHOEBE CIRCLE
WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY
APRIL 20 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 27 AT 7 P.M.



Every Thursday at 7 p.m.

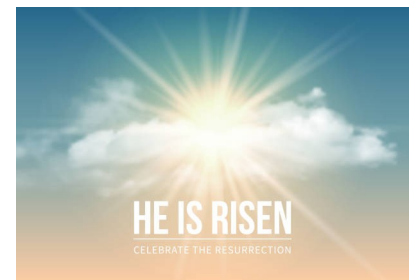


- April 04: Picture Day for Christian Education
- April 06: Congregational Care Meeting
- April 06: Joe Corbi Delivery—Fellowship Hall
- April 06: Wednesday Lenten Service at Fallston Presbyterian 7:00 p.m.
- April 10: Palm Sunday
- April 10: Building & Grounds Meeting - @11:30a.m.
- April 12: Sarah Circle - 7 p.m. in Lounge
- April 13: Fellowship Meeting via online
- April 13: Wednesday Lenten Service at Good Shepherd Presbyterian 7:00 p.m.
- April 14: Deacons meeting 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- April 14: Maundy Thursday
- April 15: Passion of Christ Movie - see page 8 for details
- April 15: Good Friday - April 15 - Office Closed



IT'S FRIDAY - BUT SUNDAY IS COMING!

- April 17: EASTER SUNDAY - Our Lord Is Risen!
- April 19: Day Care Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- April 20: Phoebe Circle - Fellowship Hall - 10 a.m. till Noon
- April 24: Children's Sunday
- April 27: Session Meeting at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



YOUR SESSION AT WORK

The session has been hard at work in moving the church forward into the future. The Presbytery Commission on Ministry held listening sessions for the congregation via Zoom on Tuesday, February 1 and Sunday, February 6. These sessions provided some insight as to where the congregation feels CPC is today and where we need to be.

To further this study, there was a meeting with consultant, Rev. Don Hackett, on Sunday, February 20. Session members as well as congregation members attended. The Session thanks all those who participated in this step of our self-study. Through our work with the consultant, five areas of focus were identified. These five areas were discussed further by the Session at our February meeting.

Item	Session Member
Online Presence – Ongoing priority (website/Service Broadcast) Solicit web content including photos Create posting schedule Develop method to keep media current	Stacey H.
Family Outreach - ongoing priority Use upcoming event opportunities Develop method to continue outreach	Joanne H. Bonnie J.
Committee Structure Look at streamlining committees with overlapping responsibilities Refer to Leadership Handbook for descriptions Edit for Session Review	Mike W. Joyce C.
Grievance Policy Review current policy Edit for Session Review	Sandy L. Jen L.
Employ Pastor Pre-work for PNC Types of Pastors Available Cost – understanding our Factor Rating Presbytery COM Rep to assist Complete Church Information Form/Church Survey	Worley U. Diane N.

The Session needs your help in many areas. If you would like to assist any of the sub-committees in their work, please contact the Session Member associated with the workgroup. When asked, prayerfully consider answering the call to volunteer.

Preschool/Childcare Board Minutes
March 15, 2022
Submitted by: Sandra Lloyd, Board President

The financial reports for February 2022 were provided. We had a total income of \$82,350.49 in February. This total does include the \$23,230 we were awarded from another grant. Without the grant, we would have earned \$55,347, which is still a nice total. Our Net Income for February was \$23,640, which means we earned a \$410.36 balance without the aid of the grant money. For a short month, and just outside of COVID, we are finally finding our balance again.

There will be one additional grant coming from MSDE and MD State. Libby was asked to be on a panel of people to provide input on the successes and failures of previous grants in an effort to make this grant as accessible and helpful as possible. We are very grateful and proud that Libby was invited to provide input.

Because we have so many extra meetings and activities planned this month, we will be holding a FROG News Staff meeting for March. The FROG News was provided.

Last Tuesday evening, March 8th at 5:30pm, we held a planning meeting with Lead teachers and their assistant teachers to make better use of our curriculum. Randi and Libby were double booked with Special Education training. Sandy attended and provided details on this meeting, as she offered her expertise.

March 16th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, we will hold an All Staff Continuing Education training for the Special Education training: Autism I: The Basics

Next Tuesday, March 22nd, we will be holding a CPR/1st Aid training. All are welcome. The cost is \$50/person.

Registering additional students for this school year (2021-2022) has come to an end. We have no more room this school year. This has spread our program tightly, which is problematic when several teachers take off at the same time.

Randi Hawkins was our Supreme Statement person this month with a total of 8 Supreme Statements.

We continue to work towards being ready to complete our accreditation process. We are working to get our Center in order. Worley and Libby have been discussing the needed repairs to the playground, as the teachers continue to get their classrooms in order. Libby is also preparing for our inspection by getting teacher and student files in order.

Our new phone system is coming along. Libby met with the Phone designer last week. We have spent a lot of time figuring the details to our phone system. She spent several hours on Friday finalizing plans. She turned in all forms and plans Monday morning. The only part left to complete was floor plans so the installers can execute the plan efficiently. She completed that task Monday afternoon. This process is moving along.

Summer enrollment is moving along well. Our Fall enrollment is moving along, as well. We have already closed our 2-year-old program for next fall. We have no 2-year-old spots left. We are filling up with our Schooler program next fall, as well.

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We have started advertising for our Kindergarten Kick Start Program. We already have 8 students signed up! In fact, Libby is expecting more students, based on questions/interest.

Because of our updated Emergency Preparedness training, we will be holding an updated look at our training at our next in-person Staff Meeting. In the meantime, Ashley and Libby have been preparing new Emergency Preparedness bags for each classroom.

In an effort to bring the Children back to Church, Randi has implemented many new programs. We are making a concerted effort to advertise these programs at the Center and have been encouraging Center teachers to participate in the programs to help bridge the gap between the two programs. Last Friday, Randi held a slime making event. Robin and Jeanette attended in addition to Randi and Sharon C.

To continue with the “Bringing the Children Back to Church Campaign,” Randi and Libby have bounced ideas off each other. We are still thinking about the Harvest Festival idea. We could hold a Trunk or Treat program where the teachers and Church members decorate the trunks. The theme of the Trunk or Treat could be Children’s Bible Stories. In addition, we could do pumpkin painting, hay rides, petting zoo, grave yard walk, etc.

Another idea would be to hold an Easter Egg Hunt again.

Libby will be putting out the Parent Survey this week, now that all our registration forms are out and circulating.

We are starting a new Dynasty Sports program. It will be 8 weeks and will run every Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:40 to 12:10. The first week will be March 29th/30th and the last week will be May 17th/18th. We will hold the program inside Fellowship Hall if we run into inclement weather. Libby will communicate with Tammy on those days.

Libby discovered something while finalizing the preparations for the new phone system yesterday. While the Center has proper Fire Evacuation plans, there are absolutely no fire evacuation plans in the Church, Fellowship Hall, Church offices, or Sanctuary. Worley is considering the plan for he and Libby to rectify that oversight.

Next month, in April, we will need to hold our Teacher evaluations. Sandy and Libby will hold these the last week in April.

Our latest water test was provided. Our water is safe.

Libby has inquired with Churchville Elementary to see if we can hold our Kindergarten Prep field trip to visit Kindergarten classes again this year.

The Deacons will provide lunch to the Center Staff this coming Thursday, March 17th. They are planning on a Subway lunch. The teachers will enjoy the gift of lunch, as well as the gift of appreciation for jobs wonderfully done. (Thank you, Grace, for organizing this.)

We had a visit from Jeff Hager of Channel 2 News yesterday, Monday, March 14th. He wanted permission to photograph the John Archer, MD grave. After checking with Worley and Sandy, who checked with Gene and Jen Labe, all agreed that the cemetery could be photographed by anyone.

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We recently received a thank you email from one of our parents. It was so nice! Libby shared the joyful message with Board members.

Spiritual Emphasis for April: 1 Timothy 4:4, For everything created by God is good.
Children's Sunday is April 24th.

Work on the playground needs to be scheduled to include mulching and replacement and painting of cracked plastic on some equipment with wood.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 22: CPR/First Aid training @ 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 15: Joe Corbi orders are due
Friday, March 18: HCPS 3-Hour early dismissal (Churchville Elem. 12:30PM)
Friday, April 1: HCPS 3-Hour early dismissal (Churchville Elem. 12:30PM)
Monday/Tuesday, April 4 and 5: LifeTouch Photos taken
Wednesday, April 6: Joe Corbi Fundraiser orders delivered
Wednesday, April 13: HCPS 3-Hour early dismissal (Churchville Elem. 12:30PM)
Thursday, April 14: Preschool Closed. Center Open (HCPS Closed)
Friday, April 15: Good Friday—CENTER CLOSED
Monday, April 18: Easter holiday – CENTER CLOSED
Tuesday, April 19: Preschool Closed. Center Open (HCPS Closed)
Sunday, April 24: Children's Sunday at Church – Time: 10:30am
Monday, May 2: HCPS Registration of Kindergarten Students begins
Thursday, May 5: HCPS 3-Hour early dismissal (Churchville Elem. 12:30PM)
Tuesday, May 10: Family Picnic at the Center at 5:30pm
Tuesday, May 24: Closing program for Tue/Thurs 2-year-old classes
Wednesday, May 25: Closing program for M/W 2-year-old classes
Wednesday, May 25: Last Day of 4-year-old preschool - **Graduation 7:00PM**
Thursday, May 26: Last Day of 3-year-old preschool program and
Closing Program for ALL 3-year-old program students
Friday, May 27: HCPS 3-Hour early dismissal (Churchville Elem. 12:30PM)
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day – CENTER CLOSED
Tuesday, May 31: First day of Summer Fun Program
Monday, June 20: First Day of Summer Fun with HCPS Students
Monday, July 4: July 4th Holiday – CENTER CLOSED
Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5: Kindergarten Kick Start Week

Next Meeting: April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge

Lions to Lambs



The hottest topic at the Preschool and Daycare Center these days is the weather! The 70-degree weather days teased us with the hope of Spring; then Winter pushes back with days no warmer than maybe 40-degrees. Everyone is just tired of Winter this year. Even those people who love all four seasons are ready for the seasons to change.

To help distract us from the “End of Winter” blues, the Center staff is in the process of doing lots of training. Teachers are completing a lot of continuing education classes. In addition, we had an all-staff training that took place in March, as well as an all-staff CPR/First Aid class. So, our evenings in March were busy!

The teachers have been working to distract the Center’s children from the “End of Winter” blues with activities and creative lessons. The beginning of the March brought the celebration of Dr. Suess’ birthday complete with an introduction/review of several of his wonderful stories. We also had a Fairy Tale week as we revisited lots of familiar stories while tying those stories to new concepts. For example, *The Three Little Pigs* became an opportunity to learn about construction, to include hands-on examples of various building materials. The month of March also presented the opportunity to celebrate the completion of 100 days of school. We are blessed to have such creative teachers!

As we wait for the “Lamb weather” to take over for the “Lion weather,” we also continue to count our blessings. In addition to our creative teachers, who are awesome people in themselves, and are dedicated to offering the best nurturing education possible, we have a church willing to support us in tough times, as well as the good times, as they proved during the pandemic. In addition, our Center is governed by a Preschool and Daycare Board who is comprised of an extremely supportive group of volunteers. Our Board members not only offer us guidance, but, they offer their various areas of expertise as resources to our teachers and our facility. Most of all, our Board members offer their time and attention to our Center, teachers, and students. As we look forward to Spring, we thank God for the people who make our Center run so smoothly: our Center staff/teachers, our Board members who consist of, Sandy Lloyd, Worley Umbarger, Carolyn Bell, and Grace Dennis. We cannot thank these wonderful people enough for their time and expertise to ensure the continuation of the Preschool and Daycare Center.

Of course, we also give thanks for our mascot, LEGGS (Learning Everlasting, Giving, Growing, Sharing) the FROG (Fully Rely ON God). Our mascot, LEGGS, helps to remind us that God is always working in us and for us. As Philippians 2:13 says, “For it is God who works in you, both to Will and to Work for His good pleasure.” Through God’s guidance and support we can continue to offer quality Early Childhood Education, along with nurturing Child Care to our community.

Thank you!
Libby Turney





- ✦ Continued prayers for Rodney Erdman. Karen said he came home from the hospital after 3 days of fluid being drained from his brain. The doctors will now test the fluid to see if he will need a shunt. Please continue to keep Rodney in your prayers.
- ✦ Lord, we ask that your protecting and healing hands be on the people of Ukraine in these days of war and destruction. Keep them safe as they strive to fight off their aggressors. Convince all of those involved that peace is your way. Guide all of our leaders, on both sides of this conflict. Show them a path towards ending the use of weapons of destruction and guide them towards peaceful resolutions.
- ✦ Comfort those who are experiencing death and other losses in their lives and on their land. Help them to understand that you are with them as they suffer through this horrible moment in history.
- ✦ Prayers for Pat Turner who has broken her Patella on her right leg. Swift healing and recovery so she is able to come home soon. She is at Good Samaritan Rehab.
- ✦ Prayers for strength, healing, calmness for Roby Hawkins.
- ✦ Please keep Randi Hawkins' Father, Randolph Spicer, in your prayers for continued healing.
- ✦ Prayers for continued healing for the Hinder family on the passing of Fred's Mother.
- ✦ Please keep Susan Kinard in your prayers as she undergoes Cancer treatments.
- ✦ Prayers of healing requested for Megan Human, parents Christine and Jeff. Megan is 14 years old and is in JHH Children's Hospital ICU.
- ✦ Prayers for Monica Rothrock, Day Care teacher, who lost her father recently.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for Priscilla Richardson who fell and fractured her left arm.



If you have prayer requests, concerns or general messages you would like added to our CPR Newsletter, please send them to:

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and these messages will be relayed to our Deacons.

GOOD FRIDAY MOVIE

JOIN US TO WATCH
“THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST”

APRIL 15

2 – 4 pm
OR
7 – 9 pm

Fellowship
Hall

The final 12 hours in the Life of Jesus

Not for children under the age of 13

Thank You

for all of your support towards the Christian Education Pancake Supper Fundraiser. I felt truly blessed to have so many volunteers and donations supporting the Pancake Supper. It was such an overwhelming experience of joy.

We had roughly 80 people that attended and it was wonderful to see all the people coming out and enjoying the pancakes and fellowship with others. I enjoyed watching the children play at the photo booth and it was wonderful to see some faces we haven't seen in a while. What a blessing it was to be able to thank each of you in person for being there and making sure you were enjoying your time.

With all the support, we were able to raise \$779. These funds will be put towards VBS, Family Fun Nights and Sunday School materials.

Here are a few pictures from the Pancake Supper photo booth.





YOU ARE INVITED TO:
Churchville Presbyterian Church
Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

2844 Churchville Rd. Churchville MD

Bring your Easter baskets for the Easter hunt!

Stop by the Fellowship Hall for
refreshments and crafts



The following donations are needed:
Plastic eggs; candy; and small toys that fit in the eggs

Volunteers are needed as well!



FINNEY CLASS



We would love for you to attend our adult (of all ages) Bible Study. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge/Choir Room directly inside the handicapped door of the church.

We will start studying the David C. Cook curriculum, "God Frees and Redeems (studies in the Deuteronomy, Ezra, Matthew, John, Romans and Galatians)."

We look forward to you joining us in the Adult Finney Class on Sundays as we study scripture together!

Bonnie Jones, Teacher



PHOEBE CRICLE

The ladies of the Phoebe Circle will meet on Wednesday,
April 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Pat Rogers will be our Hostess.

Our Bible study is:

"What My Grandmother's Taught Me" - by Merryl Blair

Please read Lesson 7 - "Mary" prior to our meeting.

Marilyn Rudolph will lead our Bible study.

All ladies of the Church are invited to attend our Circle
for two hours.

We have good food, fellowship and Bible Study.



Read Across America celebrating Dr. Seuss was a great hit. It was held on March 11th.

March is Read Across America Month and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. It was full of experiences that made messes and creations of your own art. People were full of excitement and laughter. While there were books for each station to read and explore, there was also a

STEM activity to go along with it.

Some of the activities that were offered at stations included: an egg drop that went with "Are You my Mother"; pattern stack to go with "The Cat in The Hat", and we made wockets for our pockets to go with " Wocket in my Pocket". Some other stations had puzzles to color, cut and place on the bulletin board. We also had a rice sensory bin where the children could find items that were hidden.

Then we had a Dr. Seuss themed snack.

Here is some feed back we received on our Facebook Page from the event.

"We had so much fun at Dr. Seuss STEM Night at Churchville Presbyterian Church! Thank you to Ms. Randi and everyone who made this event amazing!"

"Took Austin to Dr. Seuss STEM night at our church and he had a blast!"

"It was so much fun!! Thank you for setting up such an amazing event!!"

Thank you for all the donated items that helped make this event possible. I appreciate all of your support!



SUNDAY NURSERY

After Children's Time

During Church service, and after the Children's Time, I take the children to the Nursery and teach them a Bible lesson then play educational games and activities in the CE Nursery Classroom.

We had a lesson on uniqueness and equality in Christ. We read Elmer the Elephant and learned that God has created each of us different and unique. We are all special and those differences are what makes us unique and valuable.

In this lesson, we referenced John 7:24, "Stop judging by mere appearances and make a right judgement." Elmer is an elephant that is made of patch work while the other elephants are gray. This story teaches children about prejudices, sharing, working together and solving problems.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022

Thank you to all who participated in the open sanctuary for prayer event on March 4. It was a nurturing experience for all. A special thank you to Sharon Cockerham, Tammy Ward, and Bonnie Jones for the refreshments they provided for the event. We are grateful for Carroll Fitzgerald's presence every hour or so to assist those who needed him during the event.

Phoebe Circle, April 20, 2022

Phoebe Circle will continue to move forward in their study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," Lesson 7, Mary (Matthew 1:18-2:23) led by Marilyn Rudolph. All women are invited to attend – we begin at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall with refreshments, a devotion by Esther Lebegern, followed by the lesson led by Marilyn, and end at Noon. Hope to see you there

Bird Club (Harford County Ornithological Society)

Bird Club cancelled their March 4 dinner meeting due to COVID restrictions and held a virtual meeting. The Club, however, hopes to resume their in-person meetings by scheduling one on May 6 in Fellowship Hall. They will provide their own snacks as well as set-up. We are looking forward to their return.

Upcoming Event

May 8, 2022 Presbyterian Women's **Birthday Offering – celebrating 100 years of giving and receiving**. For 100 years, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. The 2022 Birthday Offering recipients are: Mission at the Eastward (MATE), McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine \$80,000 and Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico – Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico \$105,000.

MATE helps people experiencing homelessness, as poverty has been increasing in Maine due to people losing their homes because of job loss, eviction, sickness, or economic hardship – all complicated by the last several years of pandemic. This grant will provide a warm and healthy place for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals to live over the course of a year where they can receive social, educational, and vocational needs to move forward.

Iglesia is the go-to location in the community for food, purified water, and personal items after the recent hurricanes and earthquakes in Puerto Rico. Much of the population is elderly and infirmed and rely on the church for help with necessities. Their kitchen needs to be upgraded to continue the ministry. Funding will enable them to obtain new appliances, wiring, lighting and plumbing replacement, and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

Please give as generously as you are able.

CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL

*Bob Bell
Chip Cockerham
Christian Cockerham*



If you have
something to
add to our May
CPR - please
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