

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2022



*From the
Pastor*

Dear Friendship Family,

It's been some kind of year, this 2021-2022! About this time last year, we opened up after our long COVID shutdown to in-person worship again, and then settled into a fall season, still with the need for some mask requirements, but at least together. Our preschool also had a good year, with some of the highest enrollment numbers we've ever seen and without any COVID hiccups, and we slowly re-discovered what "normal" feels like again. And along the way, the Braves and the Bulldogs managed to win championships! Not too shabby!

But for all this, a summer break to refresh and renew is welcome. And for us at Friendship, that means it's about time for a Summer Saints worship series! This year, it will run for a total of six Sundays, from June 26 to July 31. On each of these mornings, we will take up a "saint" ... though not anyone officially canonized, and not necessarily someone you would expect. To be a "saint" in our sense is not to be a paragon of perfection, but simply someone from whose life we can learn something valuable about what it means to live faithfully today.

We will see that they are a diverse lot, these summer saints. All have died, and yet all are relevant in a most contemporary way. I do believe that each offers something – something essential if we're open and ready to listen.

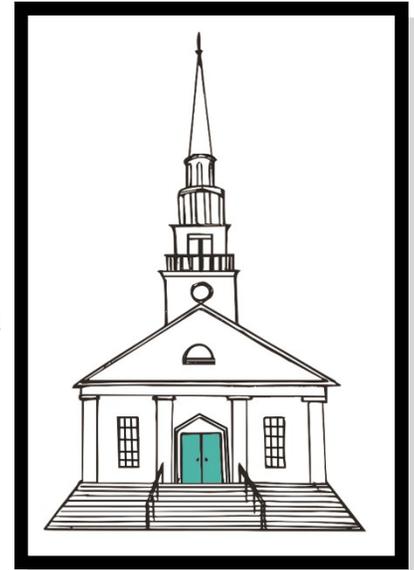
Here's the schedule for the series –

- June 26 Jane Goodall – English primatologist
- July 3 Walt Whitman – American poet
- July 10 Margaret Fell – The "Mother of Quakerism"
- July 17 Clarence Jordan – Georgia-born founder of the Koinonia Community
- July 24 Thomas A. Dorsey – Georgia-born musician and composer
- July 31 J.R.R. Tolkien – English writer and academic

I hope you will plan to join us for these rich worship services!

Grateful to be on the journey with you,

Tom Buchanan
Pastor



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Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

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Please check out our website @
www.gotofriendship.org for our
online calendar





We are worshipping in-person and online each Sunday! **If you are on our church e-mail list, you will receive an email in your inbox on Sundays with a direct link to the worship service!** Or, if you wish, you can still simply go to our web site GoToFriendship.org and scroll down for the graphic link to it. An archive of past worship service videos and printed sermons are available from the "Sermons and Newsletters" page of our web site.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, we gather in-person for fellowship and conversation on the scriptures being read in worship for the day!

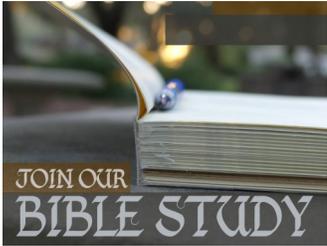


june volunteers

	Liturgist	Offering Counters	Communion Servers
June 5	Nan McMurry	Karen Norris	Mark Towles Ted Walker
June 12	Kevin Kelly	Alan White	
June 19	Karen Norris	Kathie Shinholser	
June 26	Kathie Shinholser	Marks Towles	



Tuesday Morning Bible Study



After many journeys through different parts of the Bible and having just recently completed a year-long study of the book of Genesis, our Tuesday Morning Bible Study group @ Friendship Presbyterian Church is turning to the New Testament ... to a pair of epistles written by the Apostle Paul to a troubled church: **I & II CORINTHIANS**.

Join us on ZOOM on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 AM as we dig deep and explore these epistles' timely words to a congregation struggling to find its way. We had a great group which explored the book of Genesis together for just over a year, and now - with a new study focus - we are inviting YOU to join in on the fun!

If you are already on our weekly Zoom invitation list, then you don't need to do anything (you will continue to receive the weekly Zoom invitation). If you are not, but would like to participate, then please email Pastor Tom (PastorTom@GoToFriendship.org). You are most welcome to join us! And if you know anyone whom you think would like to do the same, please forward this news to them.



GARDEN RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE!

Caren & Maurice Snook will host their

Garden Railroad Open House

on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 1:00-5:00pm (weather permitting).

All are invited. Children are especially welcome.

160 Plantation Dr., Athens, GA 30605

(At end of Cedar Shoals Dr., turn left; go 500 feet, turn right; 7th house on right)

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Words of Friendship



We were so excited to celebrate our Pre-K Graduates. The sun was shining bright on this beautiful day, as the Class of 2022 received their Preschool Diplomas and officially became Friendship Preschool Alumnus!

Thank you to all of our amazing teachers and staff who made this day possible. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Ms. Caroline, Ms. Chris, Ms. Kristi & Ms. Salinda did an amazing job on the Graduation program.

Every single student who walks through these doors touches a piece of all of us.
We are so blessed to have the best job in the world.

Wishing the class of 2022 the best of luck in their future! We can't wait to watch you Shine!





Scouting at Friendship

By: Scoutmaster Paul Matthews

Our Troop 149 backpacking crew of 7 Scouts and 4 adults leaves for Philmont Scout Ranch on June 8. We'll be hiking over 60 miles across about 11 days on the trail, plus travel and "base camp" time, at elevations between 6500 and 11,700 feet above sea level. Recent wildfires near/on the Ranch did impact the location originally at the start of our hike itinerary, but with a minor change we anticipate being "good to go." We did a two-night backpacking trip, our final preparatory hike, in May, at the north-most part of the Georgia Appalachian Trail. Also in June, our Scouts not at Philmont will be heading to North Carolina for a tubing and "gem mining" weekend trip, which should be fun; then, the first week of July brings our annual residential camp week at Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, GA, where Scouts work on a number of merit badges and special activities.

This month has seen several community service projects led by our Scouts, including Tyler Katt's improvements to the preschool landscaping/parking area and Alex Sutter's installing steps and landscaping at a school in Gwinnett County. We have other service projects in the works, including a couple more at Friendship. At our weekly troop meetings, we've been focused on Tenderfoot physical fitness, Public Speaking and Family Life merit badges, and a first-aid scenario/emergency mobilization on Memorial Day. And, we are currently rescheduling our annual swim check and pool party due to thunderstorms on the original date... typical for this event!

The Cub Scout Pack completed its program year with a Blue and Gold celebration at Harris Shoals on May 15 and is less busy during the summer, though many of the Cubs take part in local Day Camps. The Pack is working on its program calendar for the coming year. And, Jaylene Katt has begun the process of recruiting middle and high-school aged girls interested in helping create a new Scout Troop serving girls, also to be sponsored by Friendship. Please let her know of any interest.

As always, thanks for your continued support of the Troop and Pack!

Tyler K's Eagle project at the preschool parking area



Scouts compete in a timed "chariot lashing" game at a meeting



Giving in May					
	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Attendance	31	28	121	33	35
General Giving	\$3077.00	\$760.00	\$4056.01	\$1238.86	\$418.00

Friendship Presbyterian Church	
April 30, 2022	
Selected Assets and Liabilities	
Cash in Bank -- General Fund	\$35,353.82
Cash in Bank --Restricted Fund	<u>13,663.51</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$49,017.33
Savings -- Corporate Money Market	
	\$60,076.06
Savings -- New Covenant Securities	
	\$56,099.28
Restricted Educational Funds	
	\$6,557.46
Income Statement Summary—April 2022	
Receipts from Congregation	\$12,059.00
Dye House Rent	874.00
Support from Preschool	4,460.75
All Other Income	<u>300.60</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$17,694.35</u>
Administration Expenses	
	\$4,098.92
Personnel Expenses	
	14,810.78
Membership Development & Care Expenses	
	0.00
Discipleship/CE	
	0.00
Mission/Bldg & Grounds Expenses	
	450.00
Worship Expenses	
	<u>170.06</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$19,529.76</u>
Net Income / (Deficit)	
	(\$1,835.41)



Online giving is available on our web site! This is an easy, safe, and secure way to make donations to the church, without having to go to the trouble of writing and mailing a check. Simply go to our web site GoToFriendship.org and scroll to the bottom and click on **Give Now**. Doing so will take you to a secure portal where you will be asked to create a simple profile, and then allow you to make donations through your bank account or debit or credit card!



June

Names in red-birthdays

Names in green-anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Bobby & Kathie Shinholser</i> <i>Julie Hill</i> 9:30am Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship Service	30 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149 7:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	31	1	2 Church Office Closed	3 Church Office Closed	4
5  9:30am Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship Service 4:00pm Friendship Room Reserved	6 Preschool Summer Camp 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149 7:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	7 Preschool Summer Camp 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	8 Preschool Summer Camp	9 Church Office Closed Preschool Summer Camp	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 <i>Teddy Vaeth</i> <i>Valerie Vaeth</i> 9:30am Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship Service	13 <i>Dave Robinson</i> Preschool Summer Camp 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149 7:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	14 Preschool Summer Camp 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	15 Preschool Summer Camp	16 Church Office Closed Preschool Summer Camp	17 Church Office Closed	18
19  9:30am Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship Service	20 Preschool Summer Camp 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149 7:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	21 <i>Rebecca Hill</i> Preschool Summer Camp 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	22 Preschool Summer Camp	23 Church Office Closed Preschool Summer Camp	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9:30am Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship Service 12:15pm Stated Session Meeting	27 Preschool Summer Camp 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149 7:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	28 Preschool Summer Camp 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	29 <i>Ian Roberts</i> Preschool Summer Camp	30 <i>Marks Towles</i> Church Office Closed Preschool Summer Camp	1 Church Office Closed	2



SUMMER HOURS for CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be open

Monday - Wednesday 9:00a.m - noon



Please submit news for July's Newsletter to the church office no later than

Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Due to office schedule submissions after this date may not appear in next month's newsletter. All submissions are subject to editing.



Don & Shirley Harris
Bev Davis
Libby Rice
Rosemary Salter
Rhenn Priep
Jennifer Mitchell

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, assured of God's unconditional love for everyone, we strive to be an accepting and joyful community that centers upon worship, encourages personal growth, celebrates diversity, nurtures individual gifts, and moves beyond boundaries to share, through service, Jesus' love, compassion, and justice in an uncertain world.

Grace to you and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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