



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 2024



Dear Friendship Family,

By now you all know that after an extended period of prayerful discernment and soul-searching, I have chosen to accept a call to be the Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church here in Athens, to begin there on August 1. This has been a difficult decision, but one that I believe in my heart is the one God wills now for my family's next steps – and for Friendship's too.

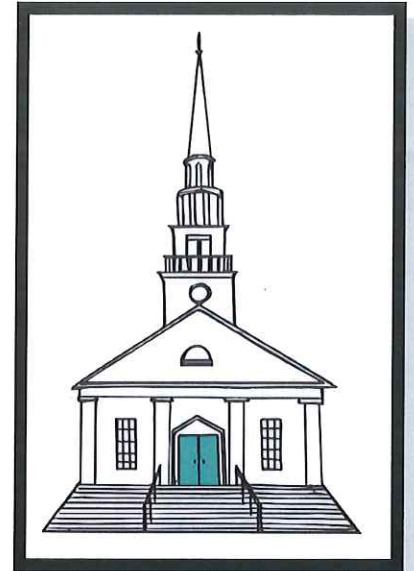
In my remaining time with you, we will complete our Summer Saints series, visit and share with one another, and prepare – personally and organizationally – for this transition. These latter two things especially are important, and are being prayerfully undertaken. The Committee on Ministry of the presbytery (of which I am a member) is working alongside our Session and me to provide for interim pastoral leadership, starting hopefully in the month of August, and I trust that these efforts will be successful.

My final Sunday here will be July 21. That morning, we will give thanks to God, no doubt with some tears mixed in too, for a most blessed six and a half years that Lisa and I have been graced to share with you. I deeply hope you can be here that day.

After that, I will step aside to prepare the way for a new chapter in Friendship's story, and I know that story will continue to be blessed by God, with new leadership *called* of God and *loved* by you. Always know that I will miss you very much, and that wherever our paths take us, Lisa's and my prayers and love are always with you.

Looking ahead to the next two Sundays (July 7 and 14), we wrap up our "Summer Saints" series with American author Madeleine L'Engle and the 17th century English poet George Herbert. I know that you will enjoy these messages!

Hope to see you this Sunday!
Pastor Tom



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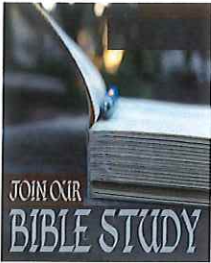


Adult Sunday School

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



Tuesday Bible Study at 10:00 am Each Week On ZOOM!



The Tuesday Bible Study at Friendship Church is studying ... THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH. We seek to understand the scriptures in their historical context while also seeking to discern in them God's Word to us today. Join us each week at 10:00 AM on Zoom for great discussion, fresh insights, and warm fellowship!

To get on the Zoom invitation list for each week or if you have any questions, just email Pastor Tom Buchanan - PastorTom@GoToFriendship.org



	Liturgist	Offering Counters	Communion Servers
July 7	John Norris	Karen Norris	Wendy Arthur & Ted Walker
July 14	Wendy Arthur	Alan White	
July 21	Alice Lund Smith	Kathie Shinholser	
July 28	Nan McMurry	Marks Towles	

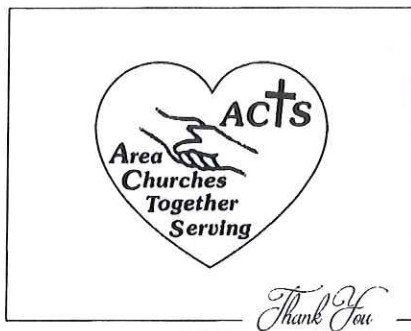


ACTS for July: Peanut Butter



This past week, the following food items were donated for ACTS: 9 boxes of spaghetti, 4 bags of egg noodles, 5 cans of cranberry sauce and 3 cans of tuna. The cans all had good "best used by" dates, but were marked down a significant amount. ACTS is happy to receive any kind of food at any time, so keep your eye out for bargains. The "food of the month" is only a suggestion. Many thanks for these donations!

The suggested food item for July is all-American peanut butter, a nutritious food that is ideal for summer sandwiches. ACTS prefers CREAMY peanut butter in 16 oz. jars. Any brand is fine.



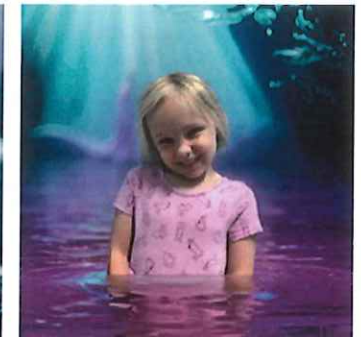
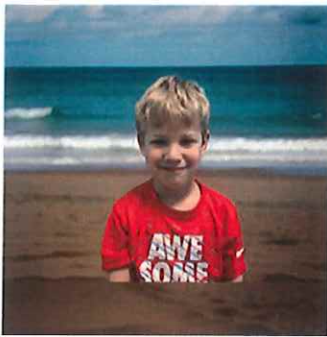
We're so GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ACTS. THANKS FOR YOUR RECENT DONATION.
SINCERELY,
CO-CHAIRS: RANDY DAWSON
DENNIS CLARKE



Doris Walker
 Charles Kauderer
 Sarah Bennett
 Rhenn Priep
 Don & Shirley Harris
 Fatasia (friends of Lydia Lee)
 Lauren Raineau - (daughter of Steve & Roberta Schacher)
 Michael Arwood (Lydia Lee's nephew)
 Deb Williams (friend of Alice Smith)
 Libby Rice
 Robert Pittard - (friend of Dori Allen)



Words of Friendship



We always have a wonderful time at Friendship Summer Camp.

Thank you to our amazing teachers, administrators & families for making this a fun and enjoyable camp series. We want to thank everyone who joined us over the 4 weeks of camp. We always have a great time!

Until next year, campers!

Friendship Preschool Teachers & Staff





Scouting at Friendship

By: Scoutmaster Paul Matthews

As you read this, Scouts from Troop 149 and Troop 5149 are off on summer adventures! Eight Scouts and six adults from T149 are in Kandersteg, Switzerland from June 24 through July 9 for a multi-week international experience at the Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC). In addition to lots of interaction with Scouts from other parts of the world, planned activities include service projects, day and overnight hikes in the Swiss Alps, side trips to the medieval castle at Thun, Brigerbad water park, Adelboden adventure park, mountain tubing, and more! We conclude with two days in Zurich staying at a hostel, before returning to the US. At the same time, Scouts and adults from Troop 149 and (girls troop) 5149 are spending a week at Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, GA (June 30-July 6). There, they will be working on merit badges and rank advancement activities along with hundreds of other Scouts from around the Southeast.

In June, during Troop 149's weekly meetings, activities included Sustainability, Citizenship in the Community, and Game Design merit badges, as well as skills such as lashing/knot tying and first aid. Several Scouts have attended the council's "Pathfinders" merit badge program at Scoutland on Lake Lanier, and two of our Scouts completed the Council's weeklong National Youth Leadership Training program in early June, learning leadership theory and skills to help them effectively lead our troop. Another two Scouts are also serving on camp staff for a camp in Wyoming!

Upcoming in July, Troop 149 will be heading to Ft. Yargo state park for a weekend focused on Geocaching and Astronomy. Our August camping trip will head to the rivers of North Carolina for tubing and a break from the heat. And in August our Scouts will also be electing new youth leadership and selecting the camping trips they would like to take part in during the upcoming year.

At the district Eagle Board of Review in June, two of our Troop 149 Scouts – Garrett Bannevans and Sebastian Baggett-- became our troop's newest Eagles, and Garrett already has plans for his Eagle ceremony to be held on July 13. Andrew Jones plans to complete his Board of Review in early August, as well.

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



Garrett Bannevans



Sebastian Baggett



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Giving in June					
	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Attendance	21	27	22	24	29
General Giving	\$1,080.00	\$2,845.00	\$330.00	\$1,055.00	\$1,030.00

Friendship Presbyterian Church	
May 31, 2024	
Selected Assets and Liabilities	
Cash in Bank -- General Fund	\$3,126.92
Cash in Bank --Restricted Fund	<u>14,048.38</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$17,715.30
Savings -- Corporate Money Market	\$50,077.44
Savings -- New Covenant Securities	\$65,696.21
Restricted Educational Funds	\$7,679.24
Income Statement Summary—May 2024	
Receipts from Congregation	\$6,120.00
Dye House Rent	874.00
Support from Preschool	5,323.00
All Other Income	<u>157.52</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$12,474.52</u>
Administration Expenses	\$3,162.00
Personnel Expenses	14,101.73
Membership Development & Care Expenses	0.00
Discipleship/CE	0.00
Worship Expenses	150.00
Bldg & Grounds Expenses	<u>814.49</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$18,228.22</u>
Net Income / (Deficit)	(\$5,753.70)



**Giving
to the
Church**

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!



July

Names in red-birthdays

Names in green-anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Marks Towles</i> 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 7:00pm BSA Troop 5149 for Girls	1	2 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6 <i>Courtney Bennett</i>
7 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 7:00pm BSA Troop 5149 for Girls	8 <i>John Ivy</i> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149	9 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	10	11 Church Office Closed	12 Church Office Closed	13 <i>Jason Adams</i> <i>Judy Hibbs</i> Eagle Court of Honor-Garrett Bannevans
14 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 7:00pm BSA Troop 5149 for Girls	15 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149	16 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	17	18 Church Office Closed	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Farewell Reception for Pastor Tom and Lisa 7:00pm BSA Troop 5149 for Girls	22 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149	23 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	24	25 <i>Don Roberts</i> Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 <i>Leanne Yaeth</i> 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 7:00pm BSA Troop 5149 for Girls	29 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 149	30 <i>Beverly Davis</i> 10:00am Adult Bible Study via ZOOM	31	1 Church Office Closed <i>Rhenn Prip</i>	2 Church Office Closed <i>Kathie Shinholser</i>	3 <i>Linda Bennett</i>



SUMMER HOURS
 for
CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be open
Monday - Wednesday 9:00a.m - noon
 until August 12



Farewell Reception



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

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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

A FAREWELL RECEPTION HONORING PASTOR TOM AND LISA BUCHANAN WILL BE HELD, JULY 21, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

Our own Henry Hibbs will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish. Also, if anyone has photos of events during Pastor Tom's time at Friendship, we would love to display them.

RSVP to office@GoToFriendship.org by July 15, 2024. Please include how many will be attending and what dish you will be bringing



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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