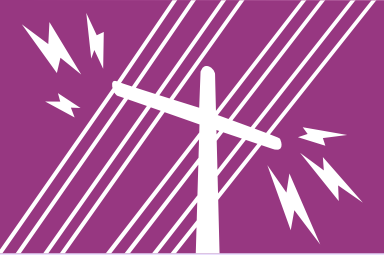




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## Calendar Highlights

### BRANCHING OUT IN FAITH OCT 18

This week's Stewardship focus is on Art and Music Ministries. The speakers are Abi Rivenburgh for Music, and Lynda Harrington for Art. During the 6 weeks of our stewardship campaign, you are invited to meditate on John 15:1-8. *see page 3*

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY OCT 21

Join Pastor Lisa for Bible Study from 6:00 to 6:55pm in Wilson House. Bring your dinner, an open heart and a friend!

### BAZAAR CRAFTERS MONDAYS

Bazaar Crafters will be meeting every Monday 7:00pm-9:00pm. Come join us, bring your crafts, or lend a helping hand on other work in progress. All are welcome.

Items for the White Elephant Sale and Silent Auction can be dropped off on any Sunday after Worship or on Monday evenings during crafts.



### WORSHIP

- October 17** Midnight Run
- 18** 9:15 Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
Youth Disciples Grounds for Sculpture trip  
Deacons pack Halloween boxes for college students  
Pot Luck Luncheon for Secret Sisters
- 21** 5:00-7:00pm Kids Club  
6:00-6:55pm Pastor's Bible Study
- Ushers** Karen Klimpl, Brian Porter, Jane Zanat, Warren Wilson

### COMMITMENTS

- Counters** Pat D'Apolito, Ginger Marcus
- 1st Saturday** 10:00 am Building & Grounds Work Day
- 1st Tuesday** 7:00pm CE, Fellowship, Mission  
7:30 pm Worship
- 2nd Tuesday** 7:00pm Outreach, Building & Grounds, Finance, Personnel
- ▶ 3rd Tuesday** 7:00pm Session
- 4th Tuesday** 7:00pm Deacons
- 3rd Thursday** 6:30pm Sharing Our Stories
- 1st Saturday** 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- ▶ 3rd Saturday** 7:00pm Conversations with the Word
- ▶ 1st&3rd Mon** 6:45pm Stephen Ministry peers
- Mondays** 4:00-5:30pm Community Dinner  
7:00-9:00pm Bazaar Craft Workshop Fellowship Hall  
7-9:00pm Art Ministry
- Wednesdays** 7:15pm Bell Choir  
8:15pm Sanctuary Choir
- 2nd&4th Wed** Needles of Love
- October 25** Deacon Brunch
- Cover** Baptismal, early morning light

### ONGOING

### UPCOMING

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## Music Sunday November 22nd: A Protestant Mass

### Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy

The first part of the Mass Ordinary (the unchanging elements sung in every service) is Kyrie eleison, simply called Kyrie. It serves a similar purpose as our prayer of confession. The Kyrie first existed in pagan traditions and 4th century Jerusalem before being adopted and molded

into the form it holds today. Each line of the original Greek text is repeated three times in a prayer. In her *A Protestant Mass* written for Music Sunday Christianne Bessières Lane chose to set each line of the Greek text first for a soloist. Then the choir followed by the choir and congregation respond to each line in English: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Example from the 9th century: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j8rbZADJfA>

Stay tuned for blurbs about each of the five parts of the Mass Ordinary typically set to music: Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus dei.

## Choirs Making Music Together!

Both the Chancel Bell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir have started rehearsals preparing for weekly music in Sunday services as well as preparation for Music Sunday, which is November 22nd. New members are always welcome. Wednesdays in the sanctuary: Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 8:15pm.

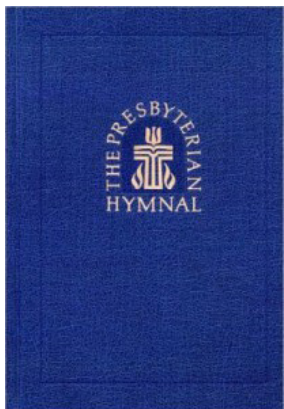
## Hymnal Donations

The OLD BLUE HYMNALS are being donated to the Presbyterian Churches in Liberia through the efforts of the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church of Alexandria VA (Pastor Barbara Heck). But FIRST, the Worship Committee wants to offer you the opportunity to retrieve any hymnals with sentimental value that you may have dedicated to loved ones.

Please let Chris Vincent know your name and that of the “dedicatee” and she will arrange to have the hymnal(s) retrieved for you to pick-up at the church. We will notify you when the hymnals are available. Orders will be taken through October 15.

Contact Chris Vincent 609-443-5751 or [njvincents@yahoo.com](mailto:njvincents@yahoo.com)

*The Worship Committee*



## DEACONS NEWS

### College Goodie Boxes

Help the Deacons send Treats to our College Students. Please bring individually-prepackaged goodies (homemade or store-bought, salty or sweet or inedible but good for the soul) to church on or before October 18th. We will be collecting them in the Multi-Purpose Room and will be mailing them out that day. If you have a college-aged youth in your family, please make sure the office has the correct address for him/her (especially important if they are living at home, so they get one too!).

### Deacon Brunch

Join the Deacons on Sunday, October 25th after worship for Brunch. Meet the Deacons and enjoy good food and fellowship. We'll be taking donations for the Rise Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive.

## STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: MISSION

### Stewardship: Branching Out in Faith

Mission is central to this congregation's view of its role in the propagation of the faith and in accomplishing the Lord's work. To this end the congregation has been committed for a number of years to allocating 20% of Stewardship Pledges to mission programs and to seeking ways to serve others in need with our time, efforts and gifts. It is through caring for God's people that our small branch is connected to the vine that is our faith. A few examples:

**Overseas:** missions in Thailand, Haiti, Northern Ireland, and Western Presbytery of Ghana. **Local:** Better Beginnings, Rise, Rutgers Campus Ministry, Camp Johnsonburg,

Urban Promise Trenton, Saturday Breakfasts, Midnight Run. **Church:** Adult

& Youth mission trips, Youth Disciples, Community Dinners. **Special offerings:** One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking, Blankets+, Crop Walk, Thanksgiving, Christmas Joy, Souper Bowl Sunday. **Gift of goods:** Better Beginnings Juice Drive, Baby Kits, Sharing Tree, MLK Nighttime Care packages. There is so much more that can be done with your support.

During the 6 weeks of our stewardship campaign, you are invited to meditate on John 15:1-8.







*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”*

Acts 2:42

## Secret Sisters

*A Fun Event Hosted by The Fellowship Commission*

**Who:** All women in the church

**What:** Participate in caring and sharing with other women in the church. A “sister” will be selected that you can anonymously encourage, send notes, gifts, pray for etc. while another “sister” will be doing the same for you.

**When:** Beginning October 18th with a pot luck luncheon so you will be able to see who is in the program this year. A “Reveal” luncheon will be held at the end of April.

## What’s Up In Fellowship?

### Coffee hour hosts:

| Date  | Host  |
|-------|---|
| 10/18 | David Feffer  |
| 10/25 | Deacons Brunch  |
| 11/1  | Jane Silverman, Berty Cass, Maggie Monney-Diallo, Anne Willis |
| 11/8  | Rivenburgh Family   |
| 11/15 | Apple Sunday  |
| 11/22 | The Grovers   |
| 11/29 | Carole Dailey, Jane Silverman                                 |
| 12/6  | Patty D’Apolito   |
| 12/13 | The Devlin Family   |
| 12/20 | Baby Shower for Christianne Lane                              |
| 12/27 | Christmas Bread/Breakfast                                     |



## Reaching Out

## Scrip/Gift Card Fundraiser

Your purchases support the Adult Mission Trip Program; over 700 retailers available for orders, more than a dozen local and online popular retailers in stock. Just think of your regular weekly purchases—grocery, drug, discount and home improvement stores, restaurants and coffee shops,

online shopping. You know you’ll be going there; why not leave your credit cards safely at home and take prepaid scrip/gift cards which support our fundraiser and help manage your budget at the same time! Call Carol Duryea at 609.448.5316 or visit the scrip/gift card table at coffee hour on Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

## Stephen Ministry

### We Need You!

*People will be rewarded for what they say, and they will also be rewarded for what they do. PROVERBS 12:14*

Our Stephen Ministry program has provided valuable assistance in a Christian faith environment to 9 members of our church family in the past four years. In order to continue this wonderful program, we are looking for a few good men and women to be trained and commissioned as Stephen Ministers. We will provide all the tools and support you need to care for those requesting emotional support in our church family and in your personal life. You will grow in your faith journey and learn listening techniques while you form bonds with other trainees and your future care receivers. After commissioning we will match you on a 1-on-1 confidential basis with a person requesting a Stephen Minister. You will be blessed as you help another person through a tough time.

Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders (Teri Mier at 609.658.2712 or Carol Duryea at 609.448.5316), Reverend Lisa (609.448.0055) or a Stephen Minister (Vinney Finlay, Joan Gordon, Fran Lalka, Brian Porter and Maggie Rider), to ask your challenging questions or to obtain additional information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this life-transforming experience.



# Sunday School Has Begun Its New Year, All Ages at 9:15am

## Children & Youth

9:15am Sundays—Each week the children and youth will explore a new story as well as God’s light in their own world. Each story will be connected with an ART

experience, which they will share with the congregation on Sunday, November 15th.

## Kids Club

This midweek program meets every Wednesday afternoon from 5:00-7:00pm. You can find a registration form on our website, [hightstownpres.org](http://hightstownpres.org)

The children enjoy fun in music, games, art, and bible study every week while enjoying fellowship and growing in community. Friends are always welcome. Participation is free, however a donation of \$95/child/semester would be most appreciated.

## Youth Disciples

Youth Disciples is a program hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown for youth in 5th – 12th grade that are interested in growing in their faith through service. The group meets the third Sunday of every month after worship in addition to other times for planning and leading service projects.

**Grounds for Sculpture** has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 18th, immediately following Worship. The cost is \$5/person; bring a bag lunch and camera or Phone to take pictures

**Participating in Worship** October 25th. Meet at 9:30am. Please RSVP to Jeannette Schneider: [jgschneider13@gmail.com](mailto:jgschneider13@gmail.com)

If you are not a member of Youth Disciples yet, but would like to become one please contact Mary Maleski: [mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org)

## Youth Group

Is going on a Haunted Hayride Sunday, October 25th. The cost \$12/youth, and must be paid in advance. Scholarships are available. Youth Group Meets at 6:00–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall for Games, Conversation & Fellowship. If you are in 6th-12th grades we hope to see you there!

For more info or to RSVP please contact Mary Maleski [mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org) or text 609.954.8977

## Youth Volunteers

Looking for YOUTH Volunteers who are in need of Community Service Hours to make a commitment to help with the Preschool Sunday School Class or an adult who would be willing to be an aide in this class.

Please contact Mary Maleski [mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org) or Ginger Marcus [vtmarcus@verizon.net](mailto:vtmarcus@verizon.net)

## Adult Ed

This year we will expand on our exploration of the Bible with the DVD series ANIMATE, a reformed curriculum that poses questions people really have, and then encourages participants to respond. Each week there will be opportunities to question, share, and reflect. We meet at 9:15am on Sundays in Kendall Lounge.

## Dwelling in the Word

Join Pastor Lisa for Bible Study, Wednesdays 6:00 to 6:55pm, in Wilson House. Dwelling in the Word is a way of hearing the Bible that uses our hearts as much as our heads. Open to all – whether you are a person of faith or just curious, whether you have much Bible study experience, or none at all. Bring a friend, an open heart (and your dinner if you’d like) and join us!