



# Middletown Press

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

## Coming Events:

### September

Thanks and Blessings Offering for the Reesers

- 9/10 Rally Day 10:30AM Worship
- 9/10 Aid for Friends Cook-in 2PM
- 9/17 Colonial Day
- 9/20 Adult Bible Study at 9:30AM in the chapel
- 9/24 Sunday School begins 9AM
- 9/24 Youth Group begins 6:30PM
- 9/26 Lydia Circle

### October

Clothing Drive begins October 1

- 10/12 Kidz Club begins
- 10/14 Upward Eval 8AM-3PM
- 10/15 Pancake Brunch
- 10/16 PrimeTime begins at noon
- 10/17 Boscov's Friends Day. Buy a ticket to support Children's Ministries
- 10/20-22 Men's Retreat
- 10/21 Upward Eval 8AM-3PM
- 10/27 Upward Eval 5:00-9:00PM
- 10/28 Chili and Chocolate Tasting
- 10/29 Youth Bake Sale

### Looking Ahead

- 11/3 Movie Night
- 11/12 Be the Church Sunday
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Worship Service
- 11/26 Advent Activity and Meal

### Sundays

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM**

**Worship 10:30 AM**

## Rally Day

Join us on Sunday, September 10 at 10:30 AM for Rally Day when the Church gathers to begin the Fall programming.

We will enjoy hearing about the summer activities and

## Adult Bible Study

Adults of all ages gather on Wednesday mornings for Bible Study in Martin Chapel at 9:30 AM.

Pastor Doug will begin a new study called *Experiencing God*, by Henry and Richard Blackaby. This study has been presented on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings in the past so if you missed it, here is another opportunity to attend the class.

Please sign up and order your workbook (\$20) in advance so enough copies are available. Don't let the price of the book keep you away, please

## Sunday School

Sunday School classes for children, teens and adults will begin Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 AM.

## Colonial Day Sept 17

The BIG day is almost here!

Sunday, September 17 will be our **6<sup>th</sup> annual** celebration as we approach 2020 and the 300<sup>th</sup> "birthday" of Middletown Presbyterian Church.

This year we are part of the celebration of the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine—featuring Percifer Frazer and his wife Mary who figured prominently during that time. A wreath will be laid at their grave by one of their descendents during our celebration. Several other early members of the congregation will be appearing this year!

Many of our favorite demonstrations, re-enactors, entertainment and educational sites will be with us again – plus a few new displays.

The word is that Reverend James Anderson (1771-1793) will once again visit to preach an inspiring message at 10:30AM, followed by a delicious "tavern-style" lunch, and then the games begin!

Grab some promotional cards (in the narthex), spread the word, bring your friends and plan to spend a wonderful day reliving the early days of MPC!

## Deacons Doings

We hope your summer was a pleasant one and the deacons wish our church family many good and beautiful things this autumn season. Of course, we realize that some have suffered the loss of loved ones and others are dealing with serious health issues and other concerns. Please know that the deacons, along with the congregation, always keep you in prayer. "Father, thank you that in the darkest seasons of life, You will never abandon us. Guide us with Your never-failing presence through both the welcome and unwelcome changes of life." God be with you!

The next Aid for Friends is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock in Fellowship Hall. If you are able, we welcome you to help assemble the food and/or prepare a main dish or donate frozen vegetables, canned fruit,

applesauce, cookies, tea bags, etc. The meals are frozen and taken to a distribution facility and then delivered to the elderly and homebound throughout the area. Thank you, Carol Curtis, for your efforts in coordinating this wonderful ministry. Please communicate with us should you know of someone in need of meals.

*"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the*

## Thanks & Blessings

During the month of September we take a special offering to support our missionaries to Thailand, April and Bill Reeser.

As you consider your offering for the ministry of the Reesers during the month of September, remember their commitment to serve the Lord and how

## Quilt Raffle

The MPC Quilters have completed the beautiful quilt - now on display in the sanctuary - for our annual raffle. It will be up for display until Colonial Day at 3:00 PM when "Reverend James Anderson" will draw the winning number. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 and are available from

## Colonial Garb

LAST CALL for Colonial "Garb" - If you need any accessories (cap, apron, "pocket") or other items of clothing to help set the mood for Colonial Day, please, please, please speak up NOW. Contact Janet Gemsheim or

## September means SOAP

Bring in laundry and hand soap or shampoo or any kind of soap for our annual soap offering for our partners at Chester Eastside and place

## Make a Difference: Stop Hunger Now!

Stop Hunger Now is program of Rise Against Hunger whose mission is to end hunger by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

We are hosting a Meal Packing Event as our Be the Church project in November. A group of 40 volunteers can package more than 10,000 meals in about 2 hours.

Rise Against Hunger provides the food and supplies and a leader to coordinate the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated

meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The cost is 29 cents a meal. That means we needed to raise about \$3,000 in order to put together 10,152 meals.

On **Be The Church Sunday**, November 12, we will package more than 10,000 meals with your help. Plan to participate and together we can help provide meals to schools in developing areas of the world to combat hunger and make a difference in people's lives.

## Youth Clothing Drive

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The Youth Team at Middletown Presbyterian Church will be having a Used Clothing Fundraiser Drive during October. All items donated are given to those in need.

We will be collecting: Wearable and Usable Clothing (Men's, Women's and Children's) Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Backpacks, Scarves, Ties ... Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels) Stuffed Animals (finally a home for them!) Hard Toys (must fit in a 24" X 24" box)

Please put all items that you are donating into tightly tied kitchen sized (30gal) bags except hard toys which go into boxes. You may drop off your bags on Sunday morning by the garage or on weeknight gatherings in the Narthex or Youth

## Volunteer Opportunities

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You are an important member of the church community and perhaps, you have some time to share in the necessary work of the church. In particular, we need some people who can take a turn driving the van, serving as Head Usher, helping in the Nursery or Enrichment, helping at workdays on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and volunteering to deliver meals.

This year Coffee Fellowship has a sign-up chart for helpers to set up and clean up and bring goodies.

Our special programs and events provide opportunities for you to get involved, too. For Colonial Day we need helpers to welcome guests, do crafts, set up and clean up. Do you enjoy cooking or baking? Think about our Chili and Chocolate Tasting or Cookie Walk. Love children? Consider Upward.

To get connected ask Pastor Doug, Linda Fox, Janet Gem-

## Colonial Day Food and Serving

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In keeping with our goal to be as authentic as possible we need assistance with **food donations**. Very specific items are needed so if you're willing to donate anything, please contact Misti Love for details. Also, we would appreciate homemade shoo-fly, pecan or fruit pies to sell.

We plan to **cook** in Fellowship Hall kitchen from 11:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, September 16. If you can help during all or part of that day, please let Misti know. Also, we will need servers for shifts on Sunday between noon and 2:00 PM.

## Aid for Friends

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Aid for Friends will hold a cook-in on September 10 at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Please bring a main dish to feed 10-12 people.

We need to replenish our supplies of cooked rice, pasta, noodles, frozen vegetables, canned fruit, apple-sauce, cookies, tea bags, snack or sandwich bags, foil sheets or canned gravy. Our next cook-in will be on November 5. Contact Bob or Carol

## Calling All Chocolate

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Our second fundraising event to raise money to fight hunger is a **Chili and Chocolate Tasting** on Saturday, October 28 in Fellowship Hall. For \$10 you may choose 5 "tastes" —all chili, all chocolate or a combination of the two! There will also be a raffle of "spectacular" baskets provided by our community.

This also is an opportunity for you to share your best Chocolate and favorite Chili dishes and compete for the big prize! Tasters will award, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to the best Chili and Chocolate entries.

A sheet will be available in the Narthex and in the office with details for you to enter your Chili or Chocolate dish.

What is Chili? According to merriam-webster.com, it is a thick sauce of meat and chilies (peppers). Beyond that, it's up to the chef. Perhaps, your favorite Chili is made with chicken instead of beef, with or without beans, or even vegetarian. We want them all! Chocolate brown-

## Activities

### Sticks 'n Strings

A prayer shawl, colonial shawl, a baby gift, a baby blanket, various other projects for you or a charity. Join the festivities on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the A1 Boardroom. Stop by and sit for awhile – with or without handwork.

### Lydia Circle

All women are invited to join the Lydia Circle which meets the 4th Tuesday of most months at 7:15 PM. For information see Karen Mayer, Jinny Heilala, or Linda Fox.

### 8th Annual Men's Retreat

Attention Gentlemen: MPC's 8th Annual Men's Retreat is on for this fall. The dates are October 20 to 22 (Friday-Sunday). The cost is \$170.00. The retreat is held at Lake Champion. See Rusty Abrams or Ken Schreffler for details.

### PrimeTime

PrimeTime begins its fall program on Monday, October 16 at noon in Martin Chapel. We will enjoy lunch and a program

## Boscov's Pass

Through its *Friends Helping Friends* program, Boscov's offers Shopping Passes which entitle you to 25% off your purchases on Tuesday, October 17. Non-profits may sell these passes for \$5.00 in order to raise money for their organization.

Children's Ministries is selling these passes to raise money for special Children's programs.

To support our Children while enjoying a day of shopping see Chriss Benson or stop by the office to purchase a Shopping Pass for \$5.00.

## Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

This Fall we will be registering boys and girls (Kindergarten—8th grade) for the 11th year of Upward. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to be part of the fun.

Each child must come for a brief skills evaluation and measurement for height and sizing. Online registration is available after September 5 to

pay by credit card, or in person by check or cash. Evaluation Dates at the Indian Lane Elementary School gym :

Saturday, October 14 8:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday, October 21 8:00AM—3:00PM

Friday, October 27 5:00PM—9:00PM

Optional Pre-Season Clinics will be offered in November by

age group and team practices will start December 4 at Indian Lane or Glenwood Elementary schools.

Regular season games start January 6<sup>th</sup> at Indian Lane.

For more information contact Don Heilala by email [donheilala@aol.com](mailto:donheilala@aol.com) or contact Chriss Benson at Middletown Presbyterian Church 610 565-

## Youth Activities

Youth Team meetings will be the first Monday of the month this year. There will be NO September meeting. We will meet next on Monday, October 2nd at 7 PM. We welcome anyone interested in our Youth to join us!

Youth Bible Study will begin Wednesday evenings at 7 PM on September 20th and will meet every Wednesday.

Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September

24 for the school year.

Clothing Drive will take place the month of October. Clothing and household linens can be brought to the garage on Sundays in kitchen size trash bags.

September 30 from 7-10 PM Bonfire and cook-out at Steve Jones' house. Rain date: Sunday, October 1st. NO youth group on Oct. 1st.

October 21- Skyzone - no Youth group 10/22

## September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 4:30 PM Gombert/Show Wedding Rehearsal 8:00 PM NA Group	2 2:00 PM Gombert/Show Wedding
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30 AM The Worship Service 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn - last one until next year	4 Holiday - Office closed 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 8:00 PM NA Group	5 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 9:30 AM The Quilters 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	6 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 7:30 PM Colonial Dancers	7 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Group	8 8:00 AM Wolf's Apple House 8:00 PM NA Group	9
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<b>1</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Time <b>10:30 AM</b> The Worship Service <b>6:30 PM</b> NO Youth Group	<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> The Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Chriss Benson & Dee Novelli at Boscov's for Friends Helping Friends	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Colonial Dancers	<b>5</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevoise Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Hand Bells Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Boy Scouts Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Sticks 'n' Strings	<b>6</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>7</b> <b>3:00-4:30 PM</b> Brownies in FH
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Time <b>10:30 AM</b> The Worship Service <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> The Quilters <b>3:00 PM</b> Children's Ministry Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Delco Cruisers Car Club <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>10:00 AM</b> Chriss Benson & Dee Novelli at Boscov's for Friends Helping Friends <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevoise Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Hand Bells Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Boy Scouts Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>14</b> Upward Registration
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Time <b>10:30 AM</b> The Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Pancake Brunch following the worship service <b>2:00 PM</b> Cub Pack Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>12:00 PM</b> Prime Time Plus <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>17</b> Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Discount Shopping Day <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> The Quilters <b>7:30 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>18</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Colonial Dancers	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevoise Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Hand Bells Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Boy Scouts Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Sticks 'n' Strings <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>21</b> Upward Registration <b>3:00-4:30 PM</b> Brownies in FH Youth at Skyzone
<b>22</b> HEALING SERVICE <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Time <b>10:30 AM</b> The Worship Service <b>6:30 PM</b> NO Youth Group	<b>23</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>24</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> The Quilters <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Lydia Circle <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevoise Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Hand Bells Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Boy Scouts Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>5:00-9:00PM</b> Upward Registration <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Chili and Chocolate Tasting in Fellowship Hall
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Time <b>10:30 AM</b> The Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Bake Sale <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group	<b>31</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Wolf's Apple House <b>9:30 AM</b> The Quilters <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Group				

## Sermons and Scriptures

The Trinity (continued)

9/3 – “The Holy Spirit” –  
John 16

9/10 – Rally Day

9/17 – Colonial Day –  
Rev. James Anderson

What if?: Wrestling with  
Questions of Faith

9/24/17 - What if God really  
did create all things?

10/1/17 - What if God really  
is in control?

10/8/17 - What if God gave  
us free will . . . on purpose?

10/15/17 - What if God  
really does know you?

10/22/17 - What if God

really does love you?

10/29/17 - What if it's not  
all about you?

11/5/17 - What if God  
wanted to communi-  
cate with you?

11/12/17 – Be the Church  
Sunday (End Hunger  
Now food packaging)

11/19/17 - What if God  
could heal/fix you?

11/26/17 - What if the Bible

### Choir Schedule

Thursday, Sept 7 7:30 PM - Rehearsal in Martin Chapel  
(We need to get ready for Colonial Day)

Sunday, Sept 10 Rally Day - The choir will not sing

Thursday, Sept 14 **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL** -

Sunday, Sept 17 Colonial Day - Ready at 10 AM Martin Chapel

Thursday, Sept 21 7:30 pm - Rehearsal in Martin Chapel

Sunday, Sept 24 Choir Sings - 10 AM in Martin Chapel

Thursday, Sept 28 7:30 PM - Rehearsal in Martin Chapel

We will continue in October, November and December with our weekly rehearsals and we will sing each Sunday in Church. As always . . . we welcome anyone who would like to sing with us. No experience necessary and you don't need to read music. Come and fellowship with us.

If you change:

- your address,
  - phone number or
  - E-mail address,
- remember to let the office know so your contact information can be updated.

We sing the melody to our life's song, but the people who touch us provide the harmony. And underneath it all, guiding us and supporting us, is the rhythm of our faith.  
Robin Roberts

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September 10**
- **Colonial Day—  
September 17**
- **Sunday School—  
September 24**
- **Chili and Choco-  
late Tasting —  
October 28**

Douglas McPheeters, Pastor	Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Phone: 610-565-4080 Fax 610-565-4306 Email: <a href="mailto:tana@middletownpres.org">tana@middletownpres.org</a>
Chriss Benson, Children's Ministries Director	
Steve Jones, Youth Director	
Janet Wooden, Music Director	
JoAnne Gallagher, Treasurer	
Tana, Office Administrator	
Jane Evans, Cemetery Administrator	
Janette Weldon, Wedding Coordinator	
Gary Wooden, Sexton	<i>In case of an emergency or if you know of someone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-565-4080 during business hours or call the Pastor at 302-762-0851.</i>

Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 AM  
Youth Group 6:30 PM