

TODAY September 9, 2018

16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am	WORSHIP SERVICE with Elder Ed Welch
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**THIS WEEK – September 10 - 15, 2018**

Monday Sept. 10	ADULT CAREGIVERS 6:30pm SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CHARLES HERPEN!
Wed., Sept. 12	WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH @ Abi's Diner @ 11:30am; SPIRITUAL FORMATION 6:00pm; NOMINATING COMMITTEE 6:30pm
Thursday, Sept. 13	AA 8:00pm SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KAY GUBOSH!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sunday, Sept. 16	SUNDAY SCHOOL begins!
Tuesday, Sept. 18	842nd STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY @ Camp Pecometh Centreville, MD
Tuesday, October 2	MEN'S BREAKFAST @ Denovo's 8am; SESSION 7pm (in Kortright Chapel)
Sunday, October 7	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Peace & Global Witness Offering
Monday, October 8	DEACONS Meeting 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 9	FAMILY NIGHT 5:30pm
Saturday, Oct. 27	ALL SAINTS' PARTY – More info to follow

**NOTES**

- **Sunday School** – Start of regular Sunday School classes on September 16. Miss Carol's Toddler class is at 9:00am for children 1 – 4 years old. Also at 9:00am there will be a class for children Pre-K through 4th grade and a class for Youth 5th through 10th grades. During the 11:00am service, there will be a class for children up to 9 years old. We are requesting volunteers for the Toddler and Pre-K – 4th grade classes. If you wish to help on a rotating basis, please contact Cindi, Lindsay, Tracey, or Carol Rose. Please welcome our new teacher, Laura Amhrein who will alternate with Tracey Trask for the 9:00am Pre-K – 4th grades and the 11:00am classes.
- **Prayers** – Please keep the Baer family in your prayers. Continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones in the past few months.



**Buckingham Presbyterian Church**  
**Annual Church Picnic & Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**Officiate: Elder Ed Welch**



**WORSHIP**  
**& PICNIC**  
**IN THE**  
**PARK**

## Welcome

### Call to Worship (Leader/People)

Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

**Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.**

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

**For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.**

### Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus) *Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,  
taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

(Chorus)

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me on my way.  
He's prepared a home for me, and some day His face I'll see.

(Chorus)

## Blessing of the Backpacks

### Scripture Reading: Luke 9:47-48

But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "*Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.*"

**Leader:** God of all wisdom, pour out your blessings on the students and schools represented here today, that they may be centers for sound learning and new discovery. We recognize that you are the source of all wisdom.

**Hands-on Blessing:** *(Students/teachers can come forward and present their Backpacks for blessings)*

**Leader:** God of all wisdom and knowledge, bless and guide the children and teachers in their learning and teaching. Amen.

### Prayer (Unison):

Lord, bless these backpacks and the children and youth who carry them as they begin yet another year of school. Give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer (Unison):

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies;

(Chorus) *Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:

(Chorus)

3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle tho'ts and mild:

(Chorus)

