

BEYOND SUNDAY...

JOIN THE BAKER FAMILY FOR

OPEN GYM NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 - 9:00 PM

BASKETBALL, PICKLEBALL, PUZZLES & FUN TABLE TOP GAMES!

TEENAGERS AND UP ARE WELCOME-BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



JOIN US FOR OUR FREE FAMILY

Fall Festival

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 12:00-2:00PM

Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon of food, outdoor games, a bounce house and arts & crafts at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church.

Scan the QR Code and let us know who you'll be bringing with you!

Adults
Preschoolers
Elementary School
Middle School
High School

1600 W MALLARD CREEK CHURCH RD
RSVP: APRILP@MALLARDCREEKCHURCH.ORG



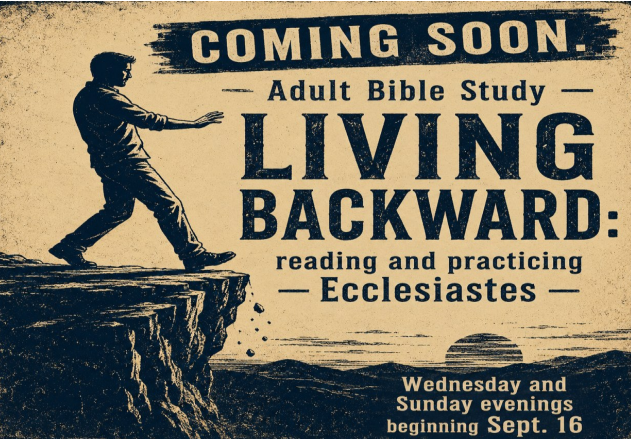
COMING SOON.

— Adult Bible Study —

LIVING BACKWARD:

reading and practicing — Ecclesiastes —

Wednesday and Sunday evenings beginning Sept. 16



Older Adult Ministry

LUNCH BUNCH

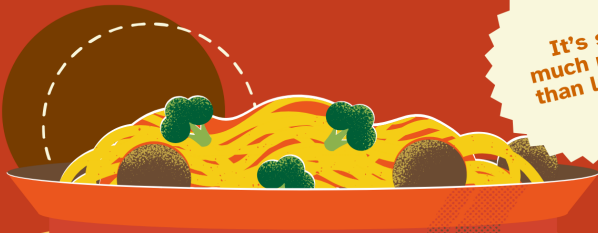
It's so much more than lunch!

This month's program will be presented by Officer Michael Kossick, CMPD. He will be sharing some very important information on home security, personal safety, identity theft, and emergency preparedness.

Lunch will be catered by the Harrisburg Family Restaurant and will be baked chicken, rice, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Cost is \$8.00 per person

Contact Margaret Hatton (704-651-6678) or Jimmy Walker (614-537-5363) with questions or cancellations.



THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE

ORDINATION OF RICHARD LAMBERT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 3:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Dining Hall



Ways to give at Mallard Creek

We give because...

GOD GAVE FIRST

Text MCPC to 73256



Mallard Creek PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1600 West Mallard Creek Church Rd.
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The Lord's Day
10:30 Service

PALM READINGS

The Gospel vs. Magic

Acts 8:4-25
Sept. 13, 2026



A Service of Worship

PRELUDE This is My Father’s World Arr. By Mark Hayes
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Richard Lambert
CHORAL INTROIT We Have Come to Worship the Lord Charles Yannerella
†CALL TO WORSHIP (Romans 11:33-36) Rev. Hunter Roddey

Leader Oh! The depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
People **How unsearchable are his judgments, and inscrutable his ways!**
Leader For who has known the mind of the Lord?
People **And who has been his counselor?**
Leader Or who has given to him a gift?
People **And who has repaid him anything?**
Leader For from him and through him and to him are all things.
People **To him alone be glory, forever and ever. AMEN.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Hunter Roddey

†HYMN # 97 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Hunter Roddey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Hunter Roddey

O Lord our God,
I do not praise you as you deserve. I do not turn to you in prayer as I should. I set my heart on lesser things. I trust in things that cannot truly love me; things that cannot heal me; things that cannot make me whole and give to me heavenly purpose. I settle too quickly for things of little value. Forgive me for my straying heart, that I may praise you fully, pray to you desperately, and love the eternal things of God, things that do not fade, and things that do not lose their beauty because they reflect the glory of Christ. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Hunter Roddey

PASSING OF THE PEACE followed by the Blessing of the Children and Release to Children’s Church

OFFERING The Longer I Serve Him Gaither/Tornquist

†DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 8:4-25 Pastor Richard Lambert

SERMON The Gospel VS Magic Pastor Richard Lambert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9*

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is our God and Father because of Christ his Son. We trust him so much that we do not doubt he will provide whatever we need for body and soul, and he will turn to our good whatever adversity he sends us in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father. Nothing will separate us from his love. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/Trust and Obey Traditional
Jim Koerth, Trombone/Dave Barnaba, Piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Hunter Roddey

†HYMN # 29 Glorify Thy Name

BENEDICTION Pastor Richard Lambert

CHORAL BENEDICTION May the Peace of the Lord Go With You Charles Yannerella

POSTLUDE Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

Footnote: *The **Heidelberg Catechism** was written in 1563 for Christians in Heidelberg Germany who were squabbling over doctrinal disagreements. It has remained in regular use in Reformed churches since the 16th century because it doesn't simply tell us **what Christians believe**; its warm, personal language helps us understand **why those beliefs matter for our lives.***

† All who are able are invited to stand.

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Sunday School Classes & Locations

Age 0-2 – Nursery
Age 3-5 – Preschool room
1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
7th-12th grade – Teen room
Younger Adults – Garrison-Martin room
Older Adults – Spencer-Morrison room
Confirmation Class– Upstairs, Education Bldg

This week at Mallard Creek

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, September 14

6:00 pm Circle of Rebekah Ruth *(G. Space)*
6:30 pm Connections Committee *(Parlor)*

Tuesday, September 15

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch *(Dining Hall)*
6:30 pm BSA Troop 148 *(Community House)*

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm BSA Troop 248 *(Dining Hall/Kitchen)*
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

6:30 pm Boy Scout Crew 148 *(Comm House)*

Friday, September 18

7:00 pm Baker Family Open Gym Night

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please remember to sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today.

Thank you!

OFFICERS ON DUTY

ELDERS:

Jamie Garrison, Keri Wass,
Greg Armistead

DEACONS:

Julie Mingus, Susan Mach,
Lynn Davidson, Lee McConnell

A Note For Parents With Small Children:

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience. Here are a few reminders:

1. There are Children’s Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.
2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick “time out” during the service.
3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs from 9:30 am

Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions..



The flowers in the Sanctuary this week have been given in celebration of Justin and Tammy Alford’s 25th wedding anniversary on September 15.

PRAYER LIST

Bobby & Nina Brown
Donny Brown
Christian Busch
Alex Busch
Bill Cochran
Doris DeArmon
Sheila DeArmon
Mary Jean Dowling
Guy Eberhart
Rima Frika

Ben Hatton
Jean Helms
Daisy Huber
Shirley Hunter
Phyllis Jones
Betsy Killian
Jessica Killian
Merle King
Sheila Letica
Elaine Lord

Bebe McGee
Bobbie Misenheimer
Donnie Oehler
Rose Oehler
Tommy Oehler
John Potts
Donna Seaford
Earl Thomas
Lois Treadway