

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

For me, when we pass through Memorial Day weekend, summer begins. I know others feel that, too. Summer is the season that runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, no matter what official calendars tell us, nor what the temperature reads—we had days near 90 in April, and will do so into October. Summer is this three month run of May through August.

For many folks, summer is a season of recovery from the chaos of the school year. Things slow down. There are pools for swimming; beaches to visit; mountains to climb; and other trips to take. There are lazy evenings in a porch swing listening to the cicadas.

For others, it is the season of vegetables as gardens erupt with their annual bounty of tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squash, beans, and all else. Summer flowers burst out with a cacophony of color. We weed, water, and watch as the gardens grow.

And, yes, for some, summer is business as usual. Businesses keep rolling along, ignoring the seasons altogether. Work beckons. The outside temperature rises, but the office hums along at 72 degrees as always.

So how do you spend your summer? What changes? What shifts?



Spiritually, summer is the season of maturity. The burst of spring is over. Now it is time to settle into whatever it is we are. The summer of life is often seen as the ages between about 25 and 65—the years when we live as whatever it is we believe ourselves to be. It is the season of activity, blossoming, and being. We have answered key questions about what we want to do with our lives, what purpose we want to fulfill, and what we want to be. We now settle into the work of making it so.

So how are you spending this time? What changes do you see coming? What is exactly as it needs to be?

The seasons are a gift of grace. They are contextual spurs, reminding us of passing time, of seasons of growth, of the continual journey that is life. As we move from one into another, take time to pause and reflect, consider what God has in store for you, and where you might be come September.

Hunter's Thoughts

I find myself returning again and again to a common theme - change. It's something with which I have a complicated relationship. I realized a long time ago that I love having variety in my life - new things to experience - new people to know. But I also recognized that I never want to let go of things that are familiar - I want to be able to hold on to everything I can. Sometimes, those two desires are in conflict.

We are in the midst of many graduations right now. As I reflect on my own various graduations, I remember the excitement of new horizons and new possibilities. But I did not want to let go of so many of the experiences and people I had come to know.



And it is scary, too! Such changes of life bring unknowns that can be paralyzing - going off to a new school; moving into the "real world" with a job and all the freedoms and responsibilities that come with that. It can even mean letting go of a part of your identity - that transition from being at the top of one experience where you are known and even respected to being a "newby" at the bottom of a new ladder.

I can't help but think of the change that Jesus brought to the people and the culture. He disrupted everything. He called people to leave what they knew - jobs, family, location, identity, wealth, stability - so that they could step into something completely new. He challenged rules by which people had lived and worshiped for generations. He sat down with those who had been considered untouchable or evil or disgraced. He called on everyone to live in a new way that did not bring any earthly guarantees of safety and prosperity. But he constantly reminded them of their heritage as well. He wanted them to remember the way God had been in relationship with the people for those same generations.

I often wonder how I would have reacted to some of the things Jesus called those around him to do. Since we know so much more now about his message, it's easy to forget how extreme some of his requests would have seemed. Could I have left much of the security of repetition and tried something new? Could I have accepted people I had always been told were evil or simply "other"? Could I have believed in a new way? Could I hold on to that which is important while letting go of that which is not?

Am I doing any of those things now? I hope we all still hear Christ calling us to change and follow a new path. I hope we can all think of Christ offering a new direction to follow with each "graduation". As I step into this summer, my prayer is to be aware of the new ways of life and living that God constantly places before us - including the paths we may have rejected in the past - sometimes repeatedly. God will certainly be with us as we do so.



May was our last month of the 2022-2023 school year and it was extremely busy for all our classes! We had special events like the **Animal Safari Walk through the amphitheater, Spring Fling, water fun days, the Pre-K Carnival, singing at Lunch Bunch, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, End-of-Year Programs, and Pre-K Graduation.** It was a FUN month for everyone and a great way to end the wonderful school year that we were blessed with.

We would like to **THANK** the following people for their help during the month of May:

Christina deKam, Jackie Triece, Nicole Stillman, and Maria Menconi for providing a wonderful Staff Appreciation Luncheon for us.

Craven Oehler and Tom Fuller for mowing the grass for our Spring Fling event.

Andrea Thomas, Hunter Roddey, Nicole Stillman, Evie deKam, Maria Menconi, Dawn Medlin, Katie Maddux, and Barbara Oehler for helping at Spring Fling.

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Josh Ashley, Riley Ashley, Leah Morse, Christy Brasel, Phil Ashley, and Tara Hartis for making animal balloons and face painting the children at our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night.

Paul Menconi for making an awesome video for our Pre-K graduates.

Linda Wallace, Andrea Thomas, Monie Alexander, Harvey Alexander, Mack Downing, Barbara Oehler, Angela Swicegood, and Pastor Rob for helping with our End-of-Year programs and the Pre-K Graduation.

We are so grateful to each of these wonderful people for helping us make each one of these events a huge success! **THANK YOU!!!** 🙏

Our Summer Camps start this month, and we would love to have your child join us!

Week #1: Let's Dive into Learning

Week #2: Little Einsteins—Stem Week

Week #3: Adventure Time

It is not too late to register so if you know someone who might want to join us for a lot of FUN, please have them email us at paulab@mallardcreekchurch.org to get more information.

We also want to thank our church family for your constant love and support! It means the world to all of us! We hope you have a great summer!

Preschool Summer Office Hours are 8:30-12:30, Tuesday through Thursday, from June 5th through August 24th.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~Jeremiah 29:11





Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

June 2023

Summer is finally here! Our kids and teens have had a fantastic year so far, and we were able to host a number of fun activities off the church grounds this year, concluding with a super fun end of year party! None of this would be possible without our amazing parents and volunteers who support our kids and teens programs. THANK YOU! The fun continues with a fantastic summer full of fun, faith, and fellowship. Here's what's coming this month, and enjoy the photos below from the past semester.



Join us on June 4th at 10am to celebrate the class of 2023.

Kannapolis Cannon Ballers
Baseball Game on
Friday, June 23rd at 7pm

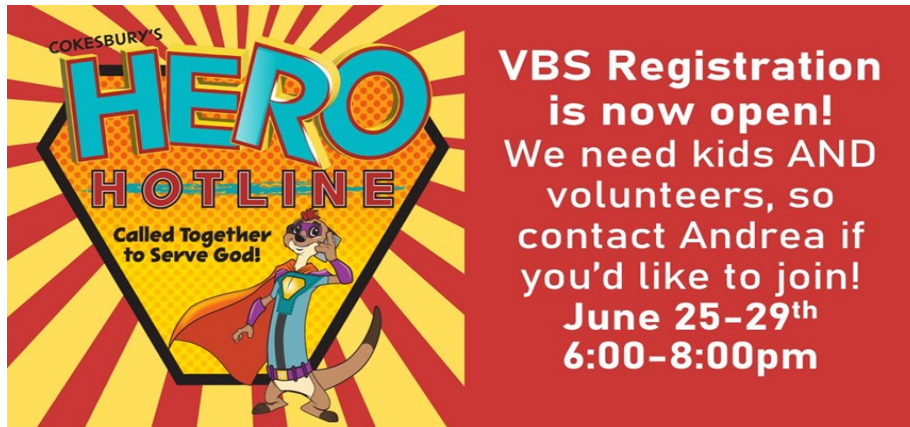


Child Safety Training
June 11th at 11:30am
in sanctuary after worship

This training is REQUIRED for all teens and adults who wish to volunteer with kids at MCPC and all elders and deacons who have NOT taken this training in the past 3 years.



2023 Vacation Bible School Information

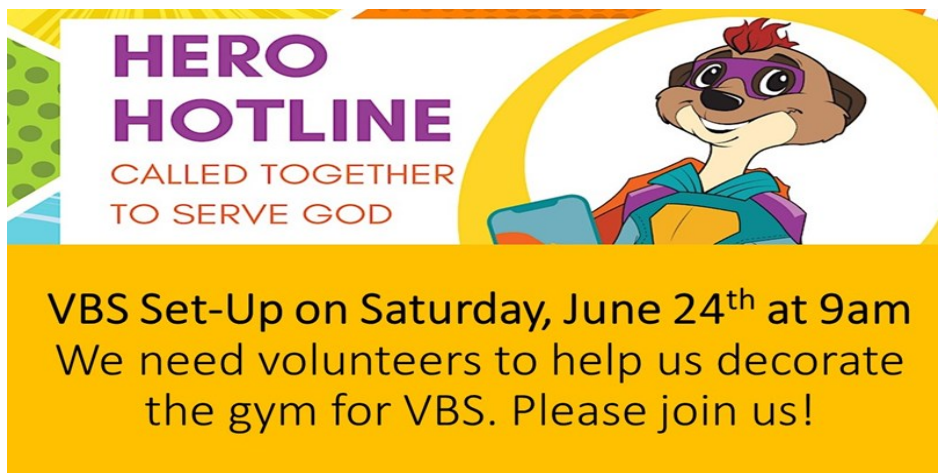


--> **REGISTRATION:** You can register your child at this link (Pre-K-5th grade), or register in-person after worship on Sundays at the table in the Gathering Space. PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 18 IF POSSIBLE.

<https://forms.gle/vnJ4FAoCYDM3CbdR9>

****Note**:** Children ages 1-3 can register ONLY IF they have a parent who is volunteering at VBS every day during the week.

Parents of registered children who wish to volunteer can use this form to sign up to volunteer, you do NOT need to fill out a separate volunteer form.



--> **VOLUNTEERING:** If you are NOT registering a child and would like to **volunteer** for VBS, please use this link: We need lots of teen and adult volunteers!

<https://forms.gle/BMfmtujrQRsRymzbA>

Elder duty for June: Tom Fuller, Mack Downing, Alan Garrison

Deacon duty for June: Jackie Brand , Terri Garrison , Karen Kosmoski , Tracy Tucker, Jarret Garrison



Thanks to the 70+ people who helped
package 15,000 meals on May 20 at our
Rise Against Hunger meal packing event.

Mark your calendar now for our next event,
on February 3, 2024.



A qualified charitable distribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an **IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA)** owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity.

Your qualified charitable distributions can satisfy all or part of the amount of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. For example, if your RMD for 2023 is \$10,000, and you made a \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution for 2023, you would have to withdraw another \$5,000 to satisfy your 2023 required minimum distribution.



To report a qualified charitable distribution on your Form 1040 tax return, you generally report the full amount of the charitable distribution on the line for IRA distributions. On the line for the taxable amount, enter zero if the full amount was a qualified charitable distribution. Enter "QCD" next to this line. See the Form 1040 instructions for additional information.

If you would like to direct a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, please contact Amanda Booth at the church office for the necessary instructions to provide to your IRA custodian.

January - May 15, 2023 FINANCIAL POSITION	
Year to Date income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$549.34
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$117,320.16
ONLINE GIVING	\$51,920.27
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$9,410.04
TOTAL	\$179,199.81
YTD INCOME	\$179,199.81
YTD EXPENSES	\$254,115.64
Reserves Spent	(\$74,915.83)



Contributions	
January	\$36,873.66
February	\$43,353.43
March	\$42,998.84
April	\$34,910.84
May 1/2 a month	\$11,653.00
Total Contributions	\$169,789.77

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WE GIVE because
GOD GAVE FIRST

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. . .
John 3:16

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Twin Boys Coming Soon!

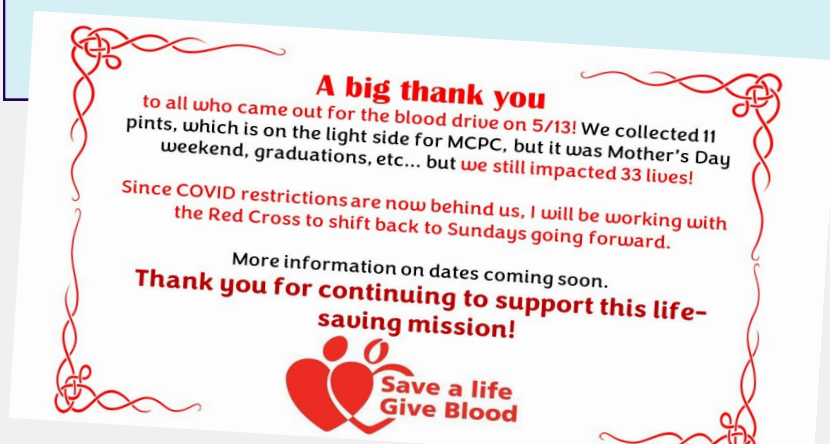
Pastor Rob's daughter and son-in-law are having twin boys due in September. If you would like to send them a gift or card to shower them with love, please do so.

Chelsea and Colton Sinkovich

869 Ratcliff Cove Rd

Waynesville, NC 28786

Online registry link: <https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-chelsea-sinkovich>



Thank you to all that have contributed to backpack blessings this year. In preparation for the new school year we are asking for help. Our funding was in a surplus position during the pandemic because of lower needs but now the schools are back to normal and we are preparing many more backpacks. Not to mention higher grocery prices! Below is a listing of what typically goes in each backpack, based on 4 children per backpack.

- 1 can of Hunts spaghetti sauce.
- 1 package of pasta
- 2 cans of Spaghettios
- 1 Can of chicken
- 2 cans of veggies
- 2 Cans of beans
- 4 top ramen
- 1 Box of Mac and Cheese
- 4 fruit cups
- 4 packs of oatmeal
- 4 packs of grits
- 1 box of rice or potatoes



As you can see we only buy necessities but with 80 children for Parkside and up to 30 for Mallard Creek costs add up quickly. Granola bars, cookies and chips are only put in when donated. **As the school year begins we are asking for monetary donations or food to keep this ministry going. Contributions can be made online or via check made payable to Presbyterian Women, noting "Backpack Blessings" in the memo line.**

Special Prayers



Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Caroline Williams	Tracy Preslar
Jimmy Rodgers - son of Frances Christenbury	Shirley Hunter	Cecil Massey	Donna Seafood
Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison	Juanita Untz	Roy Kinnamon	Elaine Lord
Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll	Ruby Downing	Dennis Lord	Guy Eberhart
Andy Marcus - brother of Rachel Rodden	Donnie Oehler	Ken Christenbury	Carolyn Sheehan
Barbara Ballard - friend of Nancy Busch	Frances Christenbury	Judith Rankin	Jane Geracimos
LaVern Winter - father of Tammy Alford	Suggie Christenbury	Joana Lovette	Cy Alexander
Matthew Lee - friend of Karen Kosmoski	Dale McLaughlin	Ann Brown	Teddy Preslar
Dallas Kim King - son of Merle King	Carlita Hunter	Stan Mach	Perry Deaton
Grey Taylor - brother of Nancy Busch	Ronnie Oehler	Barbara Cottrell	Carl Hatton
Barry Henson - brother-in-law of Perry Deaton	David Saviano	Lynn Kelley	Taylor Jones
The family of Ned Blackwell			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Warner Marshall Lindsey Yates
2	3 Tracy Oehler	4 Megan Louya 	5 Justin Gupton	6 Max Gupton	7 Maggie Joseph	8 Ian Holt
9 Jeff Rainstein Allison Carte Luke Larkin	10	11 Louise Carte Frances Scholand Abigail Snyder Olivia Oehler	12 Guy Eberhart Sage Putnam	13	14 Susan Saviano Heidi Kiser	15
16 Lucy McLaughlin Wyatt Scott Noah Serepca	17 Eddie Bonds David Whitmire Jonathan Halter Seth Alford	18	19 Elizabeth King Lori Joye Josh Ashley Harley Gullede	20	21 David Clemmer Debbie Killian Chip Holt	22
23 Bill Louya Becky Wood	24 Gary Wass	25 Jackson Gupton	26 Frank Lapalombella Vicki Buchanan Brenda Oehler Sam Alessi	27 Hugh Love Justin Semon Ashley Kostrzynski Vincent Alessi	28 Mark Patafio	29 Casey Oehler
30 Sally Tyler Margaret Hatton Mary Baker	31 Annette Moss Drew Gullede Zak Armistead					

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