

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Note: The following calendar represents the relevant entries on the CCB (website calendar) at the time of this writing.

Not all rental/outside events are included.

Sun., 9/4	9:30	Summer Worship: One Service (Fellowship Hall)	Thurs., 9/8	7:00	Men's AA Group (Conference Room)
Mon., 9/5	ALL DAY	Labor Day: Church office is closed.	Fri., 9/9	9:30	Fabulous Folders (Conference Room)
	9:30	Women's Bible Study: canceled due to Labor Day	Sat., 9/10	4:30	Farmers' Club (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., 9/6	9:00	Men's Study Group (Conference Room)		6:00	Women's AA Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:30	Worship and Music Committee Meeting (Choir Room)	Sun., 9/11	8:30	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00	Membership Committee Meeting (Conference Room)		11:00	Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
Wed., 9/7	5:30	Grey Sheeters Anonymous (Room 115)		6:00	Youth Group Kick-Off (Youth Room)
	6:30	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)			
	7:30	Just for Men (Chapel)			

Foglifters AA group meets daily, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday in Fellowship Hall; Saturday and Sunday in the Conference Room).

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation	
Teaching Elder/Pastor (Sabbath: Monday).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (Sabbath: Friday).....	Bailey Heckman
Communications and Administration.....	Cynthia Tuleja
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Choir Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Sexton.....	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016
9:30 a.m.

"The difference between the pre- and post-resurrection disciples was astonishing. Fear became courage, timidity became boldness, uncertainty became confidence as their lives were given over to the revolution that the Gospel—the Good News—envisioned. Everything changed because *they* had been changed, and they had been changed because Christ had risen. He is risen indeed."

Richard Stearns, *The Hole in Our Gospel*

HYMN SING (Starting at 9:20) Grant Farmer

WELCOME Bailey Heckman
"Welcome one another...just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

*CALL TO WORSHIP Bailey Heckman

Oh God, you summon the day to dawn; you teach the morning to waken the Earth.

Great is your Name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your Name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the Earth shall bow; the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your Name. Great is your love.

Come, my friends, and let us worship our great God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Please turn to p. 3.) NEED

I Need Thee Every Hour

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Please see the projected text.)

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION Bailey Heckman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we ask that you would bring new life where we are worn and tired, bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted and cold, bring forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and please bring the joy and freedom of the Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Please pardon us for all the ways we have failed you and others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven; we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

"Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole Earth sing to the Lord!" (Psalm 96:1)

Christians meet for worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God, confess our sins, and seek God's grace.

"Let the people turn from their wicked deeds... Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. God will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7a, c, d)

In worship we
hear the Good
News of the
Gospel and
celebrate the
Lord's Supper.
Lord, carve
ears for us to
hear your
voice!

Children:
Sketch a
picture of
some of the
children that
Sarah tells us
about!

Please
complete the
prayer card in
your bulletin.
Before we
celebrate
Communion,
we will
exchange
cards and pray
for each other,
now and in the
week to come.

"Taste and see
that the Lord is
good. Oh, the
joys of those
who trust in
Him!"
(Psalm 34:8)

*GLORIA PATRI

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WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

WELCOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

Stuart Spencer and Bailey Heckman

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on the Hymn Tune RESIGNATION

Colton Martin

Colton Martin

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

MESSAGE

"God's Heart for Children in the Margins"

Sarah Thebarger

WE COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Stuart Spencer

*HYMN OF PREPARATION (Please see the projected lyrics.) Grant Farmer, leading
Take My Life Giglio, Havergal, Malan, Tomlin

SHARING OF OUR PRAYERS AND THE PASSING OF OUR PRAYER CARDS

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Stuart Spencer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful—these you deserve, Lord God. For when we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no faith and no future, you called us your children. When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, you prepare a table for us, offering not just bread, not just the cup, but your very Self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on Earth and in Heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please eat the bread as you are served; hold the cup until all have been served.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur, Op. 68, No. 2

Colton Martin

Théodore Salomé

**Those who are able, please stand.*

FALL FESTIVAL: A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! – Come one, come all to our Fall Festival on **October 30** after the Fifth-Sunday Service! There will be lots of Fall-themed fun, including food, games, crafts, and entertainment for all ages. Please save the date – you and your family won't want to miss this wonderful time! Together we can make this a day to remember, but we need your help to make it a success. We need help with entertainment, games, food, crafts, etc. Please see Amy Brewer or Jo Ann Alberts. We can't do it without you!

WELCOMING AMBASSADORS NEEDED! – As a genuine expression of Christ's love in us, we want to open our arms in fellowship to anyone who comes through our doors, and in that sense we are *all* welcoming ambassadors; we are also now designating specific people to address this Initiative. Our Ambassadors will stand outside worship at the end of services and greet new guests; they will also mingle with people at coffee hour and answer any questions about our church. If you would like to help out with this effort, please see Amy Brewer.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP – Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **September 6**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are studying *John* by Adam Hamilton, and we are currently reading Chapter 2. The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. *All men are welcome!*

FALL RUMMAGE SALE – Coming soon! We will be accepting donations starting **September 11** for our Fall Rummage Sale, which is being held this year on **October 20** and **21**. For more information please see Anne Peshek.

AID FOR FRIENDS – We'll be back to making our normal Aid for Friends meals on Tuesday, **September 13**. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the Aid for Friends bulletin board to volunteer to bring some of our needed ingredients. If you have any questions, see Susan Achenbach or Holly Tomkovicz.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (UPW) – All women are welcome on Wednesday, **September 14**, to a meeting of our UPW group at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us for lively conversation and a time of warm fellowship!

WIVES, LOVERS, AND SPIES: SPEAKER EVENT – Join us on **September 17** at 10:00 a.m. when historian JoAnn Tufo will speak on "Wives, Lovers, and Spies: Women of the Civil War." This presentation explores the many experiences during the Civil War of women on both sides of the conflict and their response to a changing world. *You won't want to miss it!* Civil War era cakes and coffee will be served. A \$10.00 payment must accompany your reservation. For more information please see Jane Mayrhofer.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) – This month volunteers from TMPC will be supporting the soup kitchen on Thursday, **September 22**, starting at 10:30 a.m. We will depart from the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 a.m. that day, or you may go there directly. Please sign up at The Table of Well Wishing if you plan to attend.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES – Every year we send care packages of goodies to our college students (who are TMPC members or the children of members). We do this for Halloween and Valentine's Day and other times throughout the year. Please contact Patti Davis or Amy Brewer by **October 1** with new and updated college addresses so your student can receive these tasty treats!

**WELCOME TO THOMPSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

"We are a joyful family called by God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to: welcome all, share our faith, love each other, serve the world, and glorify God."

WELCOME, VISITORS! – We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew so that we can send you a welcome note. If you have any questions or would like to have a tour of our building, please feel free to ask an usher.

LEMONADE – Refreshments will be in Fellowship Hall today and are provided by Lydia Williams. If you would like to host, please use Sign-up Genius; see the link in e-News or on our website (visit: tmpc.org/fellowship).

FLOWERS – Ken and Lydia Williams dedicate today's flowers in memory of Herman Weiskopf, who served on the Mission Board at Thompson Church for many years.

USHERS/GREETERS TODAY – Today's ushers are Amy Brewer, Emily Clark, Evan Clark, and Joanne Clark.

WELCOMING AMBASSADORS – This week's welcoming ambassadors are Tom and Sheila Fruend. Please direct any visitors to them!

WELCOME SARAH THEBARGE – Today we are pleased to welcome as our guest speaker Sarah Thebarge from Compassion International. Sarah studied medicine at Yale and journalism at Columbia. She is an international speaker and the author of *The Invisible Girls*. Her writing has appeared in *Huffington Post*, *Red Letter Christian*, and *Christianity Today*. She is a spokesperson for Compassion International and for Vanity Fair's *Women Who Do* campaign. She currently lives in San Francisco.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – Next Sunday, **September 11**, we are back to our Fall worship schedule, with two Sunday morning services: our Traditional Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and our Contemporary Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a coffee hour together following both services. Please join us!

FALL KICK-OFF FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Join us on **September 11** at 9:45 a.m. in the **Choir Room** as Bailey Heckman and Stuart Spencer kick off the new program year in Christian Education! Our educational opportunities include Sunday School for children and youth (who are four years old through high school age) and Adult Forums that take place in the Conference Room. All classes are held at 9:45 a.m. Please come and learn about these wonderful Christian Education opportunities!

ADULT FORUM BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Stuart Spencer will be the instructor in a new Adult Forum entitled "Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life." We will: examine the Old Testament roots and the context of the Beatitudes, explore the contemporary implications of these powerful words, and discover fresh understanding and insights to enrich our faith. Study books are available. Please sign up at The Table of Well Wishing to order your copy.

JUST FOR MEN! – Pastor Spencer leads a monthly meeting for men on the first Wednesday of each month. This includes: opportunities to share our joys and concerns, time for prayer, and a discussion based on a devotional reading from *Deep Down Faith*. Our first meeting is Wednesday, **September 7**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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