

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

We Presbyterians have had a vibrant impact in our society. In these columns, we have looked at what makes Presbyterians so unique and impactful in our society.

We have discussed that we are reformed which means that we hold the Scriptures in high regard, that forgiveness is the core of our living, that we are governed by Elders and that we are an orderly people following the rule of the Bible, the Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order. We have also looked at the fact that we are connected with other Presbyterian churches through our shared beliefs. We explored what the essential belief of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This month, for our last installment, we are going to highlight the fact that we are concerned about the welfare of a person in this world as well. We Presbyterians are a people of new life, the resurrection. We believe that God created us with eternity in our souls and that we are only truly ourselves when we are in connection with our God.

We also embrace that this life is a training ground for the next life. We are called to be concerned with the least of our society. We are to be the voice for those who have no voice. We who have been blessed with the incredible view of eternity are the ones who seek to touch those here now so that they also can find eternity.

As such, we Presbyterians have been involved in the founding of hospitals and orphanages with the express concern for helping those who are ill or lost parents. We also have created schools to educate others so that they can raise themselves out of poverty.

We ascribe to the same tenant of the Salvation Army: Soup, Soap, and Salvation. We touch the person physical needs of comfort and hunger so that they can hear when we share the gospel. This follows with Jesus' earthly ministry where he cured the physical and fed the hungry so that they had nothing in the way of hearing the gospel.

Our faith is connectional in nature and when we live in this connection, we demonstrate to others that we as a people are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and thus growing for God.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mark

Scriptures

May Scriptures

Ponder on it. Meditate on it. Allow it to speak to you.

Verses are for the full weeks of May, beginning on Sunday, May 3.

Epistles Sunday	The Law Monday	History Tuesday	Psalms Wednesday	Poetry Thursday	Prophecy Friday	Gospel Saturday
2 Cor. 1-3	Ex. 13-16	2 Sam. 1-4	Ps. 48-50	Job 33-34	Jer. 22-26	Mark 13-14
2 Cor 4-5	Ex. 17-20	2 Sam. 5-9	Ps. 51-53	Job 35-36	Jer. 27-31	Mark 15-16
2 Cor. 6-8	Ex. 21-24	2 Sam. 10-14	Ps. 54-56	Job 37-38	Jer. 32-36	Luke 1-2
2 Cor.9-10	Ex. 25-28	2 Sam. 15-19	Ps. 57-59	Job 39-40	Jer. 37-41	Luke 3-4



HOLLY PLACE

Holly Place was established to target low-income seniors with limited resources who could not afford alternative care systems.

The Presbyterian Women support Holly Place as one of our local missions.

Holly Place Wish List

This is an updated list of items Holly Place needs. The Presbyterian Women collect items each month and deliver them to Holly Place. There is a featured item each month, but you can donate anything on this list at any time. Please place your donations in the tub located in the parlor labeled Holly Place. Thank you for your generosity.

May: Furniture Polish
 June: Floor Cleaner
 July: Batteries (AAA, AA, 9V)
 August: Aluminum Foil

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, May 12, following the PW morning Bible Study, please join us at the Fireside Restaurant, located behind the Social Security Building. If you plan on attending, please sign up or contact Terri Long.

MEMORIAL DAY COLLECTION FOR VETERANS

On Sunday, May 24, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting donations for **Heal our Patriots**, a Samaritan's Purse Mission. Heal Our Patriots provide help for Veterans and their spouses. Please drop your donation into the helmet on the table in the foyer on Sunday, May 24, after both services. Thank you for your generosity.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Spring's gardens remind us of the spiritual growth and nurtured faith of our ministry. Our "faith gardens" are blooming with teamwork,

encouragement, friendships, service opportunities, and inspiring worship. Pick some of these "flowers" for your spring bouquet.

Teamwork: Join a Sunday school class, a committee, choir, or our church! We celebrate the first of our 2026 crop of new members, Flo and Dave Sheppard!

Encouragement: Send a card, email, or call someone in need of prayer or cheer. Pull names from the Prayer Requests in the bulletin and add a brightness to their day!

Friendships: Share a smile with someone you don't know. You may harvest a friend!

Service opportunities: Sign up for upcoming summer activities. VBS is ready for "picking" during the week of June 8 - 12!

Worship: Let inspirational sermons and music refresh your growth. Who knows what fruit they may produce!

Jesus said, "*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener*" (John 15:1)

The bouquets we pick remind us that God is at work in our lives and in our church.

STEWARDSHIP

What do gardens need to grow? More than silver bells and cockleshells!

The healthy soil needed for a successful garden is provided by our ministry's strong foundation in Scripture.

Sonlight is provided with daily exposure to the Son. Gardeners (our volunteers and staff) who are willing to nurture each other.

Water is crucial and needed year round. While there are many ways to water a garden, there are many ways to give: pew or numbered envelopes, on-line, or direct deposit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have Sunday School for all ages including 3 Adult Classes. If you have not joined a Sunday School Class, we would love for you to come and join us on Sunday morning.

Here is a brief overview of Sunday School:

Sunday School starts at 9:45 and ends at 10:45. All students meet in their classrooms at 9:45am except those 5th grade and younger. These students meet in the sanctuary for an opening program. At that time the students recite the Pledge to the Bible, Pledge to the Christian Flag, have a devotion, take up offering, and have a time of prayer. At 10:00am the students are dismissed to their classrooms. Please note parents: if your child is in the 3rd grade or below, please pick them up from their class at 10:45am. If you are unsure where your child's classroom is, please ask Pastor Mark or Miss Annette.

Here is a brief description of the 3 Adult Classes:

**** Voyager Class:** Is an interactive class. The class decides what book they would like to read and to discuss. They are currently reading Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World by Dr. David Jeremiah. This class meets in the Conference Room.

**** Seekers Class:** Is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This is an in-depth Bible Study. They are currently studying the book Proverbs. This class meets in the Legacy Hall.

**** The Travels of Paul Class:** Is taught by Jason McDonald. The class is using a DVD series by Beth Moore and is studying the travels of Paul. This class meets in the Friendship Hall.

Sunday School Snippets

Here is what is happening in Sunday School:

Toddler Class: The toddler class is studying Palm Sunday, Easter and Donkeys. Congratulations to **Stella McDonald** for having perfect attendance.

Pre-K Class: We have been looking at Jesus' life and His earthly ministry. We also talked about how Jesus is our friend, and how He prays for us! We've been learning the verse Hebrews 7:24: "Jesus lives

forever". Thank you to **Luka Bearese and Nova Vinson** for always being great helpers!

K/1st Grade: Our class is studying God's creation in the story of Genesis. When the weather permits, we have taken a portion of Sunday School time outdoors and looked at God's beautiful creation. One Sunday we filled a Bingo card as we found various plants outside. Another Sunday, we searched for animals. Easter Sunday we played a special duck game with questions. Every student who correctly answered the questions received a prize. Congratulations to **Michael McDonald** for his great attendance in the month of March.

2nd & 3rd Grade: We have been learning just how Jesus defeated death. He willingly and ever so lovingly died for the forgiveness of OUR sins. Glory be to God, He arose from the dead and is still alive today. (John 19:16-18, 41-42). John 20:1-18.) John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" Matt. 28:20 " And surely I am with you always,..."

Congrats to the following students: **Addi Majeski** faithfully memorized John 3:16...the heart of the good news. **Nikolai Bearese** eagerly helped visiting student look up the Bible verse of the day. **Thomas Twum-Barimah** keenly observed that there are various Mary's at the cross and empty tomb. Excellent work class!

4th-5th Grade: **We can celebrate Jesus' Resurrection:** Jesus' resurrection followed a week of events that left his followers confused and afraid. On Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene found an empty tomb. Peter and John ran to the tomb and found the grave clothes intact, but His body was not there Jesus appeared to His disciples and others before descending into Heaven. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. This is my gospel. (2 Timothy 2:8). **Serve each other with love.** Just before His trial and death, Jesus showed His disciples the true meaning of love and unselfish service. During NT times, a servant would wash the dusty feet of his master's guests. Jesus set aside His own needs to wash His disciples feet. His emphasis was on an attitude of humble service for others. Serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13) Jesus shows us that failure isn't fatal: When Jesus

met him, Simon, he gave him the name “Cephas” (Aramaic) or “Peter” (“Petros” in Greek). Both versions of the name means “Rock.” Jesus named Peter, not for what he was at the time, but for what he would become. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He confirmed that He still loved Peter and gave Peter a chance to confirm his love for Jesus three times. Jesus did not cast him aside. Jesus said, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18) The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Psalm 103:8). **God helps us grow to be more like Jesus.** Peter wrote his letters to Christians scattered throughout the provinces who were being persecuted. His first letter gave instruction for living out one’s faith as well as advice for coping with the trials and suffering. His second letter was written to address false teachers who said Jesus was not returning and there would be no final judgement. Peter tells his readers to withstand false teachers by growing in faith through study of the Scripture, prayer and living the truths of Christ. He lists the traits for a godly life: Goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3)

Middle School Class We continued looking at the Bible in a different way. We are assuming the Bible is 100% true, and that everything the Bible says happened, exists, and was said. After looking at the idea that there is a GOD and he created everything. The next thing to look at was, where is GOD? What does the Bible tell us about the world we live in, and the world GOD exists in? We looked at the fact that the Bible tells us that there is a spiritual realm and a physical realm. A realm that GOD exists in and a realm that we exist in. We looked at what kind of beings GOD created in our realm, the physical realm, and what kinds of beings that GOD created in his realm, the spiritual realm. We looked at the beings of the spiritual realm; the holy angels, the divine council members (Cherubim, Seraphim), and the opposing forces like demons and Satan. If the Bible is true, then we have to believe that all of these beings exist, even though we cannot see them. Do we have any evidence that they exist? What evidence does the Bible present that they exist?

What evidence is there in our world for a spiritual realm to exist? Have we as humans encountered any of the spiritual beings? Have we encountered them in our own experiences? Do scientific findings provide any evidence that realms other than our physical realm exists? We dove into all of the questions and had a lot of fun exploring the possibilities.

High School Class: Through detailed Scripture reading and discussion, we are targeting little known figures of the Bible to increase our Bible literacy. We finished an in depth look at Bathsheba to learn why she is listed in the lineage of Christ. Then we discussed Herod the Great and Herod Antipas.

This month we will be focusing on **People Are Taught According to their Age, Interests and Education**

“Because the Teacher was wise, he taught the people everything he knew. He collected proverbs and classified them. Indeed, the teacher taught the plain truth, and he did so in an interesting way.” (Ecclesiastes 12:9 & 10)

Why is it important to teach people according to their age, interest and education? Because pre-school children certainly don’t have the same understanding of God, His love, sin, salvation and grace as adults do. And the problems and concerns that junior high students face are certainly much different from those faced by senior citizens. With these differences in mind in Sunday School we divide persons into different classes, usually according to either their age or interest, and teach them using the methods and tools that are best suited for that group.

Do you have questions about the Bible and how it can be applied to your day-to-day life? Are there specific topics that interest you? If so, your church probably has a Sunday School class or Bible Study group that would be able to help you find the answers that you are looking for. And, if you would like to see a class or Bible Study group tackle a topic or concern that’s on your mind, talk to your pastor or other church leaders and suggest that they consider starting such a group.

Sunday School is for everyone, And, it should address the problems and concerns of every member.

Congratulations to the following students for their great Sunday School attendance:

Toddler Class:

***Alma Twum-Barimah
Stella McDonald***

Pre-K Class:

***Luka Bearese
Brentley Vinson
Nova Vinson***

K/1st Grade Class:

***Emilia Bearese
Lachlan Bearese
Bryan Twum-Barimah
Michael McDonald***

2nd and 3rd Grade Class:

***Nikolai Bearese
Thomas Twum-Barimah***

4th and 5th Grade:

Kohen Dayhoff

6th-8th Grade:

***Alexina Twum-Barimah
Maggie McDonald
Colton McKinley
Lily South***

Teen Class:

***Abby Boppe
Anne McDonald***

A big CONGRATULATIONS to: **Abby Boppe, Anne McDonald and Maggie McDonald** for having perfect attendance in the month of March. (There were 5 Sundays).

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who see Sunday School as a top priority. Thank you to our teachers who faithfully come every week to teach the Word of God to their students.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group will meet on **May 3, 17, and 31.**

We have a Facebook page just for the Youth and their families. If you would like to be part of that, please contact Pastor Mark.

Did you know that St. Andrew has an Instagram page. You can find it at: [st.andrewpresbyterian](https://www.instagram.com/st.andrewpresbyterian). Look forward to seeing you there!

Friends! We would love for you to invite your friends to Youth Group! What a better gift to give to a friend than the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! If you bring a friend, both you and the friend will receive a candy bar. You can invite that friend two separate times for the friend to be a friend for our contest. If the Youth Group invites 25 friends by the end of May, we will have a very special road trip!! **We have reached 20 friends so far this year!!** We only need five more!!

The Youth Group of St. Andrew will present **“St. Andrew Has Talent!!”** formerly known as **the Dessert Theatre**. We will have a Taco Bar immediately after church at noon on **Sunday, June 28**, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Then plan on staying for our “St. Andrew Has Talent” program. All are welcome to display their talent. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parlor. This is a fund raiser for the Youth Group and is on a donation only basis.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Mark will continue the Bible Study on **Thursdays in May at 7:00 pm**. We will be studying Paul’s letter of Philippians. Once we are done with Philippians, we will begin Colossians. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and a deepening of your Christian faith. We will not meet on May 21.

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 26, 5:30pm** at the **Western Sizzlin’**. We hope

you can join us as we have a wonderful time of fellowship with your church family as well as enjoying a delicious meal. Please sign up if you plan on attending. (Please note the day change due to Memorial Day)

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The Presbyterian Men will meet on **Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00 am and at 7:00 pm.** There will be a Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer. The morning group will go to Hub City Diner after the Bible Study. The evening group will share in a meal at 6:00 pm with Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

MEN'S YARD SALE

The **Presbyterian Men's Yard Sale** along with the **Women's Bake Sale** will be **May 15 and 16, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm both days.** The Men are collecting items now. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to the church. If you need coordination for the shed to be open, call Daryl Warrenfeltz

MISSION COMMITTEE

Save the Dates

Mission Week, July 20-24, held by the Community Catalyst Outreach Team. Volunteers are needed. Details to come.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

If you are either graduating from High School or from College, please fill out a form found at the sign up table. Please fill out the form by May 15th and place it in the folder provided or directly on the secretary's desk. We want to honor and celebrate all our graduates. Please note there will be gifts for the graduates on the back counter in the office starting, on June 7th

Congratulations to those who completed the April Word Search.

Alexina Twum-Barimah

Thomas Twum-Barimah, Sr.

Cora Carson

Kathy Carter

Kenny Carter

Virginia Consolo

Courtney Corkery

Jill Lampson

Martha MacNeil

Mark Mummert

Linda Reid

Rayetta Schindel

Lucas Scumpieru

Alan Weaver

Pam Weaver

Allison Yoder

Tom Young

Have fun with this month's Word Search. When completed, please place it in the office on the Secretary's desk, by the 15th. Make sure your name is on the Word Search.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for

Sunday, May 17th!

This is the day that we will be celebrating all the teachers here at St. Andrew. We will be serving breakfast at 9:30am and then have a time to recognize and to show our appreciation to all our teachers here at St. Andrew. **Everyone is invited!!** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet if you plan on attending. Hope everyone can come and show your support for all our amazing teachers here at St. Andrew

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will be meeting on Thursday, May 7 & 21 - 10:00-noon. This is a great time to do ministry for the church, fold bulletins, do church mailings, put crafts together, collate Sunday School curriculum, make cards for shut-ins, etc. After doing projects, we enjoy a lunch together. Please bring a sandwich, Everything else will be provided.

HARVEST HOEDOWN NEEDS

October 3, 2026!!

Harvest Hoedown will be here before we know it. St. Andrew Presbyterian raises funds for the Williamsport Food Pantry with the Scarecrow Making Booth. We are short on the following items needed to make a scarecrow. We need enough of each item to make at least 400 scarecrows.

The items are listed by greatest need:

***Used and new pantyhose, no black. We are in need of pantyhose. After the last Hoedown we only have 49 pairs and we need 400. Ladies please clean out your drawers, and moms we will take little girl leotards.** (Pantyhose can be purchased at the Dollar Tree for \$1.25).

*Long sleeve button/snap up shirts all sizes, but especially youth and children's sizes.

*Jeans all sizes, especially youth and children's sizes.

*Leggings, but no prints or black

*Hats, neckties, scarves, belts.

Place your donations in the tub found in the hall outside of the office marked scarecrows.

Thank you, The Mission Committee

BUILD A BED DAY FOLLOW UP

Sleep in Heavenly Peace thanks the 12 Volunteers from St. Andrew: **Shirley, Mark, Rebecca from Mission Committee, Grace, Ethan from Youth, Rayetta, John, David, Dave, Carrie, Bill, Stan.** Items donated: 8 comforters, 24 sheet sets, 2 mattress protectors, 3 Bed in a bag. The committee votes to send a \$500 donation from Outreach budget. 40 single beds were made that morning. The CCO team thanks everyone too.

COFFEE HOUR

This month's coffee hour is **on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.** Vivian Suffecool (parish 1),

Carrie Kesler (parish 4), and Melanie Beckley (parish 8) will be hosting May's coffee hour. If you are in parish 1, 4, or 8, please let your parish leader know what you will be donating for the coffee hour. This helps us with planning. Thank you! The Deacons will be selling St. Andrew's cookbook for the May and June Coffee Hours. The cost is \$10 each.

FRIDAY POTLUCH LUNCHEON WITH FRIENDS

Please join us for our Friday Potluck Luncheon with Friends on **May 8, at noon.** Our speaker will be Slim Harrison. Slim has performed at schools, festivals, and hoedowns all over America and the world, come along with Slim as he plays on spoons, jugs, washboards, and much more. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

After taking a break to "recuperate" from our amazingly successful 2025 Christmas Bazaar last November, our craft group is now back at work creating crafts for our 2026 Bazaar (scheduled for November 13th & 14th.) It seems like a long way off, but time flies when you're having fun! And we do have fun together!

Join us every other Monday morning from 9:30am-12pm in Friendship Hall. We are only meeting once in May, which will be on the 11th. Bring along ideas and/or materials if you have them or come and see what we have "in the works" that you can be part of. We'd love to have your input! Copies of our schedule for the year are on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the hallway --- feel free to take one with you. See you at our next gathering!

V.B.S. News!

V.B.S. is on the way!

We are getting so excited about this year's V.B.S. Illumination Station, **Jesus Is The Light Of the World**. In a world that can seem crazy and chaotic, Jesus lights our way and guides our path each and everyday.

Save These Dates:

V.B.S. Set-Up Party on June 7th from 4-7 pm. Come and help us transform our church into an Illumination Station. There is a job for everyone. We will have dinner served to us at 5:30 pm by the Fellowship Committee.

V.B.S. June 8th-12th, 6:00-8:00 pm – Kids, there will be games outside after dinner.

V.B.S. Evaluation, June 14th, noon in the Legacy Hall.

Classes: We have classes for all ages from Toddlers to Adults. Each class will be learning the same lesson, but in a slightly different format.

Sign Up: If you are a student from toddler age to teen age, we need for you to register if you have not done so already. There are registration forms in your weekly bulletin and at the table by the newsletter. Please fill out your registration form and place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary, in the basket by the newsletter, or directly on the secretary's desk. We want to make sure we have enough curriculum, crafts, and t-shirts for everyone. So, thank you for filling out your form and handing it in as soon as possible! Please note: If you are an adult attending Pastor Mark's class you do not need to register.

Invite: Invite your friends! We have Guest Registration Forms at the sign up table in the parlor. Take some of the forms and hand them out to your friends. Please turn these in as soon as possible so that we have enough material for all our guests.

Volunteer: We need volunteers in all areas of V.B.S. Please prayerfully consider where you would like to volunteer your services for the week of V.B.S. We have a job for everyone!! We especially need teachers and assistants for the younger grades. All curriculum is provided. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is at the sign-up table. If you have any questions, please see Annette. Here is a brief description of jobs you can volunteer in:

Greeter: You will greet the people as they come into the building for V.B.S. Every night there will be items for each family to get. You will be handing out these items. This is an important job as many of the people coming to V.B.S. are new to our church.

Security Team: We want to make sure all kids are kept safe at V.B.S. We need people monitoring the parking lot making sure all kids are kept safe. This job is especially important at the end of V.B.S. making sure each child is with an adult or older sibling when leaving.

Snack Crew: Each night we have snacks that go with the nightly theme. The snack crew makes the snacks in the Legacy Hall so they can hear Pastor Mark's Bible Study as they prepare the snacks. This job is very important as snacks are always a highlight, but they also need to be aware of allergy concerns for the children. (Those forms are given to the snack crew.) Sometimes special snacks are made for those with allergy concerns. Not only are the snacks prepared, they also have to be delivered. We need people with a lot of energy to deliver these snacks to classes all round the church.

Registration Crew: There are 2 sets of registration tables. One set will be for those who have not already registered. They will fill out the registration form at that table and then proceed to the main registration table where they will have a name tag made, have their name put on the class roster, and be given a t-shirt. The main registration table will have the name tag for the children to wear during the evening as well as their token bag. They also will mark off the attendance sheet. During the course of the week, the registration table does many other jobs, fill out our certificates, place labels on water bottles, place kids' picture in frames, etc.

Money Counters: After the offering is taken up we count all the coins in the front entryway by the registration station. We have lots of coins to count! There is a contest between the boys and the girls as to who can tip the scale with the most coins. We get a lot of money this way. The offering goes to Samaritan's Purse. The kids will decide what program they would like to support from Samaritan's Purse.

Teachers' Assistants: Praising God that we have all our teacher spots filled. What an awesome job it is to teach the nightly lessons and to offer the salvation message to all the students in the class. We do need lots of assistants, **especially in the younger grades.** The Pre-K has stations for their class. We need assistants to take the children to various stations throughout the evening.

Canteen: This is our V.B.S. Store for all the kids. Each night the students will earn tokens and can go up to the canteen and spend their tokens. We need lots of people for this job. It is a very BUSY place from 8:00-8:20. If you are volunteering in the canteen you can still attend Pastor Mark's class. There needs to be someone at the door of the canteen so as the students leave they place their name tag and token bag in the bucket provided. Please Note: The Kindergarten Class comes up at 7:45 with their teacher and leaves to go back to their classroom with their teacher before the rush comes in at 8:00.

Crafts: The 1st-4th graders have a craft time with the craft instructor. The crafts are already prepared and ready to go. The instructors just help the kids with their crafts. They may need to do a little preparation for the next day's craft

If you are not sure what job you would like please see Annette. She can help you decide what job is best for you. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the parlor what area you would like to volunteer in, Thank you so much.

Donations: If you would like to donate some snack items for V.B.S. there is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please put your donation in an envelope labeled VBS and place it in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk.

TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to attend our **Teacher Appreciation Celebration on Sunday, May 17, 9:30 am** in the Legacy Hall. We want to honor and celebrate our amazing teachers who teach the Word of God to students of all ages throughout the year. There are index cards in the parlor by the newsletters. Please take a moment to write a note of thanks to your teacher(s) and place it back in the basket or bring to the celebration on the 17th. Please remember to sign your card. We will have a delicious breakfast served by the Fellowship Committee followed by a short program. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

BLESSING BAGS

The blessing bags are distributed in May and returned in the fall. This year the bags will be distributed to the women of the church on Sunday, May 24 and Sunday, May 31, after each service. Everyone is asked to place a monetary gift into her bag to represent the blessings she has received over the summer. When the donations are collected in the fall, they will be added to the PW treasury to help defray expenses. Thank you in advance for your donations.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our Pastor Assistant Search Committee has been working on getting ready to begin the interview process. We have a number of applications and will begin to interview.





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