

The Vine

From Pastor Doug:

One of the most important things that we can do in a fellowship of Christians is to connect with one another. It is in making those connections that we get to know one another, can share with one another, and support one another. For me, one of the difficulties of having two services is that I really only get to briefly talk with people at the door as they are leaving the sanctuary and then I am off to get ready for the next service or taking care of a particular need so that I don't get into coffee fellowship. The other reality is that not everyone stays for coffee hour.

This fall, there are going to be an opportunity open to all, but particularly people who are newer to our church, to connect with me so we get to know one another on a deeper level than possible at the end of worship. We will be holding "Pizza with Pastor Doug" events this fall. The first one will be on Thursday, September 20 at 5:30 pm and the second will be on Wednesday, October 3, at 5:30 pm. These will be informal gatherings, with pizza, and conversation. I hope you will join me.

The other connection opportunity that we hope to have in place will be a new Sunday morning gathering for younger adults. Hopefully, this will develop into a regular gathering so that new connections can be made. I would ask you to pray about this and for this new group. More information will be forthcoming! Looking forward to these new opportunities!

Pastor Doug



MTV Painless Fundraiser
Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%
You receive gift cards dollar for dollar. It costs you nothing!

Where does the money go? It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV. In addition, contributions have been made to UMC Mission Trips.

Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable! We managed to achieve it 2 weeks in 2016! If we only had 50 families that shop at Shop Rite and each family bought one card per week, that would be \$1,000. The church would earn **\$2,600 per year**. **When we meet this goal, MTV would not only be mostly self-supporting, we would also be able to make larger contributions for other church needs.**

Action: LET'S DO IT! Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Keep up the Good Work!
Our Average Weekly Gift Card purchase is between \$325-\$350 per week for 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer





COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEEDS SUPPORT

Our coffee fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet each other on Sunday mornings. Like everything, though, prices continue to rise on the items we need to provide this gathering. Right now, the cost of supplies from January to the end of July has averaged \$34.00 per week. The average money that has been donated in the "giant mug" is about \$14.00 per week. That's less than half of what is spent to provide the goodies we enjoy. PLEASE consider putting a dollar or two in the mug EVERY WEEK so that we can keep our fellowship time going. Thank you!!

Our Family Promise guests will arrive on Sunday Sept. 9th please sign up to help out in the Narthex or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444aba628a3f94-family2>

MUSIC MINISTRY

Would you like to serve the Lord? Do you enjoy singing? Why not consider joining one of the choirs of our church.

CHERUB CHOIR - four years old through second grade - Thursday nights @ 7:00 pm
?? - call Mrs. Joyce Wescott, 468-2765

JUNIOR CHOIR - third through eighth grades - Sundays immediately following 9:15 worship service
?? - call Mrs. Nancy Overton, 478-0741

SENIOR CHOIR - ninth grade through..... - Thursday nights @ 7:30 pm
?? - call Mrs. Kathy Durand, 468-0384

CHIMES CHOIR - Thursday nights @6:30 pm
?? - call Mrs. Amy Stanton, 468-9298

Cherub and Senior Choirs will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 13. Junior Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 16. Anyone interested in just singing in the Christmas Cantata should contact Kathy Durand for further information.

Women's Community Bible Study will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday September at 9:30 am. In September we will resume meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Please join with us as we study God's Word. All are welcome. Please contact the church office at 468-2711 or call 468-5549 with questions.

Altar Flower Requests If you have Altar Flower Dedications, please fill out a form located in the Narthex and return it to Debbie Middleton. Thank you!

A fund has been established to repair the air conditioners in the sanctuary and McConnell Hall. Repair of the leaking units is estimated to be around \$1,800, and cost for the replacement of the bad unit over the stage is \$3,400. Please prayerfully consider if you can help out with donations for this effort. Thank you in advance!

Wawa Hoagie Coupons! The JUG Class is selling Wawa Hoagie Coupons. They make great small gifts! Your purchase helps support JUG projects and is sincerely appreciated.

Women's Health Summit 2018 Gloucester County sponsored Free Women's Health Summit 2018 will present a collection of fun and informative workshops to get you thinking about yourself and the health of your family. Workshops included will be on the topics of self defense, line dancing, Essential Oils, Vision Boards, Sleep, yoga, Jazz aerobics, salad, retirement, herb gardens, and more! There will also be free health screenings. Saturday, September 29 8am—12pm at GCIT. Brochures are in the Narthex.

Clean Coffee Can Collection for packing Christmas Cookies for Pitman Manor residents. Please bring in your clean, empty coffee cans to Lori Brooks. Thank you.

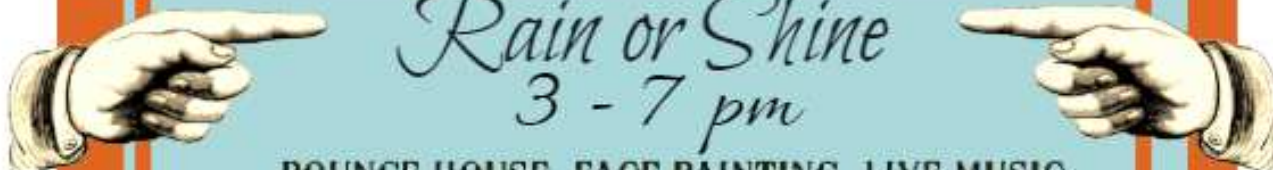


BLOCKY

Free Event!

PARTY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH



Rain or Shine
3 - 7 pm

BOUNCE HOUSE FACE PAINTING LIVE MUSIC

FREE CHICKEN DINNER

K9 DEMO, CRAFTERS, WATER ICE, POPCORN, SNACKS, PRIZES

BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY, INCLUDING THE DOGS!!!

BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET.

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SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS

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Happy September Birthday!

- 1 Drew Rosenberger
- 3 Lynn Bobzin
Emily Preece
- 4 Lynn Jameson
Marc Nagtegaal
- 5 Connor Sennett
Patricia Wyckoff
- 6 Moira Fox
George Freshcoln
Ryan Heston
- 7 Blaise Colamarino
Joey O'Brien
- 8 Cheyenne Hanahan
- 9 Landon Preece
- 11 Megan Sepsey
Patti Smith
- 12 Bonnie Fearon
- 13 Natalie Dorisio
Meghan Langer
- 15 Vanessa Friedman
- 18 Jennifer Bobzin
Mary Brickner
Morganna Hodge
Bob Langer



- 20 Lori Brooks
Molly Fox
Miranda Fuchs
- 22 Lexi Smith
- 24 Tom Beckett
Debbie Daniels
Lily Durand
Carol Lewis
Kristie McMullen
- 25 Mark Thompson
- 27 Tara Gallagher
- 28 Diane Gooch
- 30 Laura Holman
Christina Skalit
Joseph Skupien
Mason Zander

Happy September Anniversary

- 2 Jim & Ruth McManamy
- 5 David & Christine Fuchs
- 7 John & Robin Degirolamo
- 9 Rich & Joanne Guarrera
- 12 Jordan & Meghan Schlump
- 15 Kim & Danielle Kraft
- 16 Bob & Muriel Lisle

- 19 John & Karlynn Bradley
- 23 Bob & Charlene Borgersen
- 27 Carl & Joanne Pape
Bryan & Cathleen Skupien
- 29 Marc & Stacie Nagtegaal
- 30 Ted & Dorothy Dorofee





Did you know...
a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

**Blood Drive
In Honor of Angela Daniels
September 17
2—7 pm**

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