

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

*REMINDER: We have regathered for in person worship each Sunday at 10 am, and no reservations are needed. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel*

**OUR NEXT PICNIC IS WEDNESDAY JULY 7 AT 6 PM. PLAN TO JOIN US!**

## HOPE CENTER LUNCH

Mark your calendars to help Christ and Grace feed the hungry. We will be assembling 70 bagged lunches in the kitchen at Christ and Grace at 10 AM on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. You can help! Donate needed supplies, make a financial offering, or come help assemble lunches.

Menu for July 14: Meat & Cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit, bottled water

Donations Needed:

- 11 loaves of bread
- 6 bags of Cutie tangelos
- 70 2/pack cookies
- 70 water bottles
- monetary donations for meat/cheese for sandwiches

(Make checks payable to Christ and Grace with Hope Center lunch on the memo line)

Let us know how you can help by contacting Elayne Pagano at 804-586-2951 or [epagano@roadrunner.com](mailto:epagano@roadrunner.com).

Please bring your food donations to the church kitchen 3-4 days prior to date needed. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be mailed or dropped off in the church office.

## LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS

It's been a lemon of a year - time to make lemonade! Join us for lemonade and cookies in Lackey Hall after the 10 AM service. All who are comfortable returning are welcome. Please allow safe distancing and we recommend that you stay for a short time. Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated.

Volunteers needed to serve - contact Lee Boisseau.

## CREATION CARE STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Southside Virginia Emergency Crew will be accepting donations for the Petersburg Animal Shelter! The shelter is willing to take any donations such as treats, food, or litter, but are most in need of cleaning supplies such as bleach and Joy dishwashing detergent.

You can bring your donations to the station at 425 Graham Road Petersburg, VA 23805 Monday through Friday from 10AM to 4PM so we can guarantee that someone will be there to accept your donation.

You may also bring donations to the church on Sundays (**June 20, June 27, and July 4**) and Bee and Robin will deliver them to the Southside Virginia Emergency Station. A collection bin will be in the sanctuary near the baptismal font.

## **PRAYER LIST**

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for James Christiansen, Thomas Clark, Shannon Farthing, Melba Felty, Rod Hale, Kathy Hackett, Robin Jane, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux and Wyitt.

## **THE COLLECT**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Mark 6:1-13**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.