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Pastor's Musings ***"Amazing God Moments"***



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this newsletter.



There are coincidences in life and then there are events which supersede coincidence and can only be attributed to divine acts of love. The phrase "random acts of kindness" doesn't fit the moments I am referring to because they are manifestations of God's love and, therefore, not random. The moments I am referring to have a quality which goes beyond a fleeting nicety bestowed, they are, instead windows through which we gaze the profound nature of a selfless love.

On June 13th Brad Nadelstein and his wife Sommer were travelling down a country road in Northampton County, VA on their way to Camp Silver Beach. They were forced to stop their car due to traffic in the road. The problem, it turned out, was a fawn who had been blinded and was running back and forth running into trees and the parked cars on the side of the road. None of the other travelers who stopped had any idea what to do.

The fawn approached the Nadelstein's car and Brad was able to control the fawn and hold it in his arms. What they discovered was incredible. The fawn's eyes were completely covered in layer upon layer of ticks so thick that the fawn was completely unable to see.

Here's the good part – Brad Nadelstein is a veterinary ophthalmologist! (Yes! An animal eye doctor!)

Nadelstein immediately called Gay Frazee who operates Wildlife ER Education and Rehabilitation and the two spent several hours over the next several days removing ticks from the fawn's eyes. The total number of ticks removed was between 500 and 1,000.

Nadelstein detailed the process, "We remove all these ticks, clean around the eyes, and get rid of the infection. Then remove all the debris and drain some of the abscesses around there. The cornea was thankfully fine, the swelling of the eyelids has protected her eye so most of the ticks didn't get to the eye because it was so swollen."

The "Nadelstein Deer", as the fawn has been named, was recovering well at last report and was expected to be returned to the wild just about this time.

Whatever plans Brad and Sommer Nadelstein had for their time at Camp Silver Beach, God had other plans. When Jesus told us to love each other as ourselves I am sure he was speaking of all creation and not just the humans living next door. The kind of love he was talking about is tender, patient, caring and selfless. It is the kind of love Brad Nadelstein gave that little fawn.

Jesus said, "See that you have eyes to see." There are amazing God moments everywhere!

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Dan

The Black Eyed Susan—Lunch Cruise Interest ?

The Black-Eyed Susan is a Victorian-style, double deck, paddle boat that accommodates 100 passengers. The first deck is climate controlled and the second deck is canopied with open windows.

The paddle boat departs from Snow Hill to journey along the scenic Pocomoke River for 2 1/2 hour cruises.

Your **Fellowship Committee** is seeking to see if there is an interest in gathering for a lunch cruise. The cost would be \$48, to include the cruise plus a 2 course buffet. Lunch cruises depart Snow Hill at 12 noon.



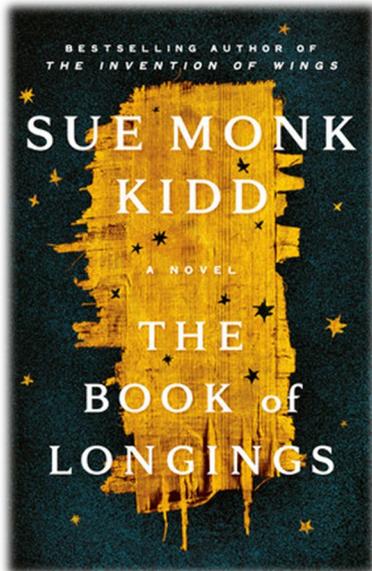
If you are interested, please let Mabel Rogers or Marty Cropper know. If there's enough interest, we'll announce plans in an upcoming bulletin!

You can learn more about the Black Eyed Susan at www.bes-snowhill.com.

Your Committees at Work

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Book Club ... Tuesday, September 14th @2pm—



We will be reading the “Book of Longings” by Sue Monk Kidd. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on September 14, 2021 at 2PM.

Raised in a wealthy family in Sepphoris with ties to the ruler of Galilee, Ana is rebellious and ambitious, a relentless seeker with a brilliant, curious mind and a daring spirit. She yearns for a pursuit worthy of her life, but finds no outlet for her considerable talents. Defying the expectations placed on women, she engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes secret

narratives about neglected and silenced women. When she meets the eighteen-year-old Jesus, each is drawn to and enriched by the other’s spiritual and philosophical ideas. He becomes a floodgate for her intellect, but also the awakener of her heart.

All are welcome!!

Flowers

Wouldn't it be lovely to add a touch of beauty to our LORD's Day Service; to honor a friend, a loved one or to remember someone special?



Chancel Vases \$22
Bud Vase of 3 Flowers \$20
Basket of Flowers \$30

Please reach out to Marty Cropper at benzgrammyinoc@yahoo.com for all flower requests.

When GOD solves our problems,
we have faith in HIS abilities.
When GOD doesn't solve our problems,
HE has faith in our abilities.

One may observe God's accuracy in the
hatching of eggs...
those of the Canary in 14 days;
those of the Barnyard Hen in 21 days;
Eggs of Ducks and Geese in 28 days;
those of the Mallard in 35 days;
Eggs of the Parrot and the Ostrich hatch in 42
days..

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven,
the number of days in a week!)

See God's Wisdom in the making of an
Elephant...
The four legs of this great beast
all bend forward in the same direction.
No other quadruped is so made.
God planned that this animal would have a
huge body...
too large to live on two legs.
For this reason He gave it four fulcrums
so that it can rise from the ground easily.
The Horse rises from the ground on its two
front legs first.
A Cow rises from the ground with its two hind
legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of
Creation!

Each Watermelon has an even number of
stripes on the Rind.

Each Orange has an even number of
segments.
Each ear of Corn has an even number of
rows.
Each stalk of Wheat has an even number of
grains.

Every bunch of Bananas has on its lowest row
an even number of Bananas,
and each row decreases by one,
so that one row has an even number
and the next row an odd number.

There's more...



The Waves of the Sea roll in on shore
Twenty-six to the Minute in all kinds of
weather.

All Grains are found in even numbers on
the stalks.

God has caused the Flowers to Blossom
at certain specified times during the day.
Linnaeus, the Great Botanist,
once said that if he had a Conservatory
containing the right kind of Soil,
Moisture, and Temperature,
he could tell the Time of Day or Night
by the Flowers that were Open
and those that were Closed.

The Lives of each of us
may be ordered by the Lord
in a Beautiful Way for His Glory,
if we will only Entrust Him with our Lives.

If we try to Regulate our own Lives,
we will have only Mess and Failure.

Only God,
who made our Brains and Hearts,
can Successfully Guide them to a
Profitable End.

When you carry the Bible,
Satan has a Headache;
when you Open it, he Collapses.
When he sees you Reading it,
he loses his Strength,
and when you Stand on the Word of God,
Satan can't Hurt you!

And did you also know...

Life without God is like an Unsharpened
pencil - it has no Point.

I pray God blesses you in ways you never
even Dreamed.

Contributed by Donna Greenwood . . .

Your Session in Action ...

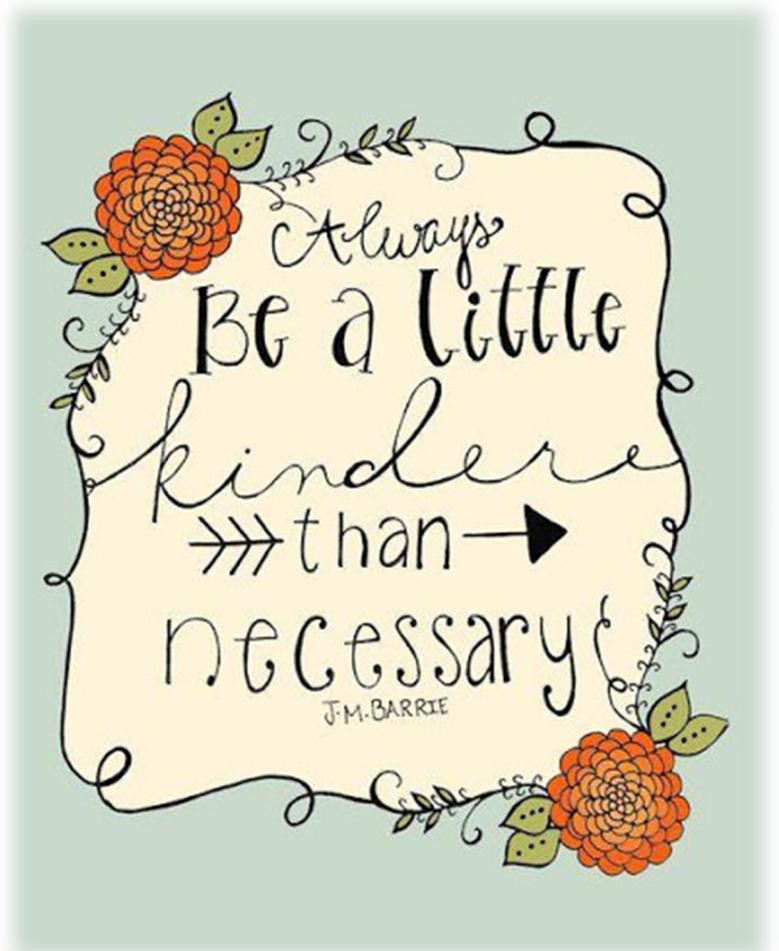
The summer blues are upon us with hot temperatures, high humidity and the return of this ding dang Covid 19 with the Delta variant. Being vaccinated helps but doesn't necessarily give us a free ride. Please practice the safe Covid protocols as hand washing, safe distancing and masks when called for and if you know someone who is unvaccinated encourage them to get vaccinated.

Sorry Pastor Dan, I had to do a little preaching but now to business. The session has continued to meet during the summer and are working on several projects. The questionnaires were returned and collated by our administrative assistant. We will be studying them during the month to further discuss your desires. Maintenance of the church and manse continue to be high on our list of priorities. We will be doing some deep cleaning during the month and this is spear headed by Elder Lisa Bayles. Please let her know you would be willing to help. Your session is listed elsewhere in this newsletter and please contact one of them if you have any concerns or questions about our church and events here. Thank you.

In Christ's service,

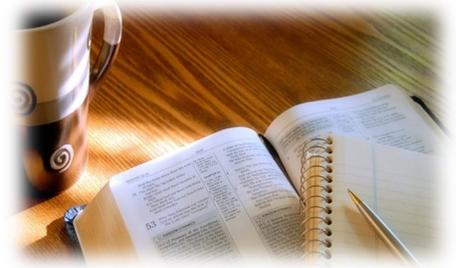
Your Clerk,

Mabel



Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study ...

Graison Wainwright has been studying Scripture for over 45 years and continues to find himself amazed at what he can still learn when he opens the Word of God. Graison's study is held each **Sunday morning at 9 AM** in Fellowship Hall.



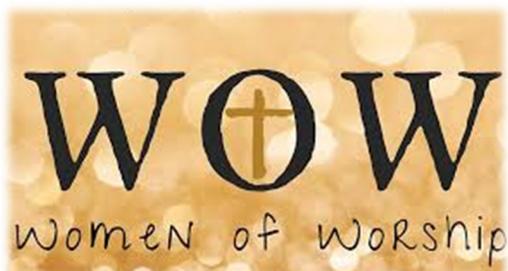
The group is now studying the book of Genesis and are up to Chapter 44, when Joseph tests his brothers (the very ones who had sold him into slavery) who have come to Egypt seeking food.

All are warmly welcomed to join at any time!



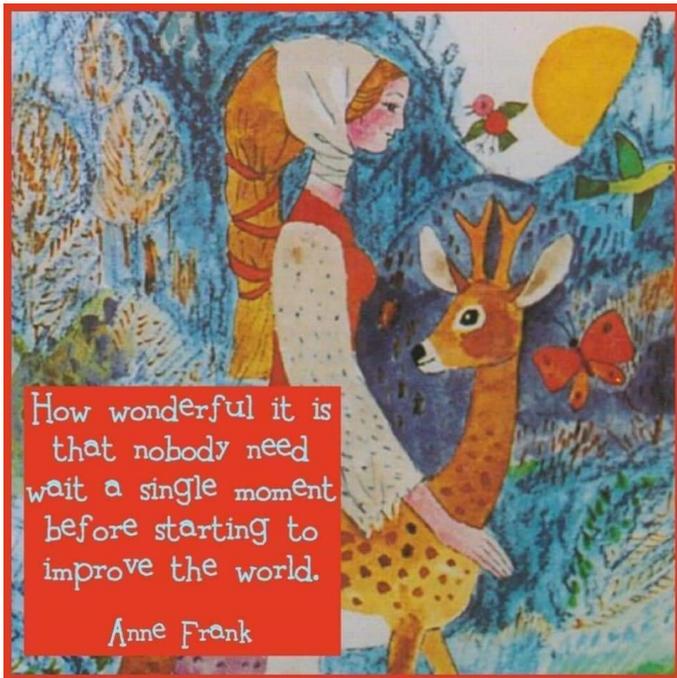
Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please call the Church office at 410-289-9340 (you may leave a voice mail), or email us at ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com. If it is *urgent*, please send a text message (or call) Beth at 862-266-6939 and we will distribute a prayer alert as soon as possible. If you would like to be added to our prayer alert email distribution list, please call or email the office.



Women of Worship - WOW

The Women of Worship will be on hiatus until September. Enjoy our beautiful summer here at the beach!



How wonderful it is
that nobody need
wait a single moment
before starting to
improve the world.

Anne Frank

Anniversaries

Alex & Diane Ayres
August 23

Wayne & Joyce Tucker
August 24



Birthdays

Kim Brenner	Aug 1
Karlah Fitzgerald	Aug 1
Rich Wright	Aug 2
Nancy Wright	Aug 4
Dan McKenty	Aug 8
Linda Phillips	Aug 8
Debbie Haas	Aug 11
Jan Phillips	Aug 16
Susan Harris	Aug 17
Logan Rogers	Aug 18
Jacob Todd	Aug 29
Jeff Sauer	Aug 30



Online Giving Reminder

Online giving.
Simple.
Secure.

By making use of the Presbyterian Foundation's online giving portal, we are providing a way for members and friends to setup a secure one-time or recurring donation to First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City.

You can use the Give Now button on our church website and/or download the **GivePlus** Mobile app onto your smartphone. In the GivePlus app, our church is listed as "**Ocean City Presbyterian Church**". For either method, you will need to setup a simple, secure profile.

Through either path, during the checkout process, you will be given an opportunity to add 2% to your donation to cover the transaction fees. Please consider covering the fee to help us keep costs to a minimum.

Fellowship

A Farewell to CRU Gathering

- WHAT:** Picnic to bid farewell to CRU Staff
WHEN: Following Worship on **August 8th**
WHERE: Under Portico in front of the church
WHY: We celebrate the wonderful light and spirit our CRU members have brought us, and we wish to send them on their journeys with all of our love.

Food sign-up sheet will be on the glass table in the sanctuary on 8/1. Please make plans to attend.

*~ Your Fellowship Committee,
Jan Owens, Marty Cropper, & Peggy Webster*

The following is the schedule of “hostesses” for fellowship following Sunday worship during August and September:

August 8	CRU Picnic/Lisa Bayles & Ann Eicher
August 15	Sue Latour and Mary Snyder
August 22	Karen Eberle and Nancy Wright
August 29	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
September 5	Ann Hales and Carol Reese
September 12	Karen Eberle and Nancy Wright
September 19	Sarah Dypsky and Jan Owens
September 26	Jan Owens and Peggy Webster

Session & Deacons 2021

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Short Summer Bible Study Series . . .

Pastor Dan is offering a short summer Brown Bag Bible Study Series. The series will run on **Thursdays August 5th, 12th and 19th at 12:30 by Zoom**. The title of the series is

"Judas Iscariot – A Second Look." We will take an in-depth look at the most reviled person in biblical history and will examine and

discuss Judas the man, his relationship to Jesus and his role in God's unfolding plan of salvation. We will examine several of the leading theories regarding Judas' betrayal of Jesus and how that betrayal reflects and impacts our own relationships with



Jesus, Satan and God. The series is very light reading with an emphasis on questioning, debating and discussing. The

series promises to be interesting, exciting and informative. Anyone interested should put their name and email address on the sign up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or email the office at ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com.

While our Food Pantry has been scaled back due to diminished needs, we are still collecting food for the Samaritan House in Pocomoke City.

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky bring our donations down each month.

Drop off supplies during church office hours or on Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity!

If you haven't returned your survey yet, there is still time!

If you never received your survey, let us know!

We want to hear your voice!

August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship + Communion	2 CRU Meeting 6:30-9:30pm	3	4	5 12:30 PM - Brown Bag Bible Study— ZOOM CRU Meeting 7:30-9:30pm	6	7 Sligo-by-the- Sea Sabbath 9am - 12 noon
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29 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship	30	31  Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 7PM				

Sunday Church Activities
Schedule of Worship

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 AM
Traditional Service: 10:30 AM
Communion: 1st Sunday of each month

Food Pantry for OC Community + Samaritan House—Drop off supplies during Church office hours

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 12 noon

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We hope that you have enjoyed this publication of the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City newsletter. If you have information to share with your fellow church members, please feel free to call or email Beth LaBrunda at the church office 410-289-9340 or ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com

Beth LaBrunda, Editor

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Lisa Bayles	Martha Cropper
Chris Greenwood	Jan Owens
Peggy Webster	Rich Wright
Bob Reese	Steve Hales

Deacons

Nancy Wright	Tina McKenty
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Mary Snyder	Sue Latour
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If you can't be with us in person ...

