



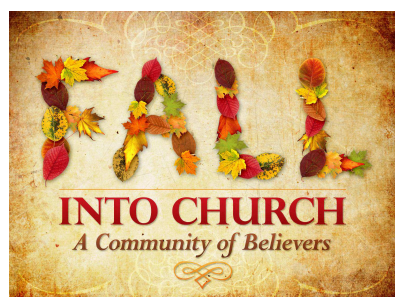
Tidings

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Fall Worship Schedule

Leadership would like you to know that our Fall Worship Schedule will remain for now, as it currently is:

9 am worship in person, in the sanctuary which is a blended service with liturgy and mixed styles of music.

11 am worship in person, via Zoom and Facebook Live which follows the same format as the 9 am worship service.

Yardley UMC Leadership

Join a ministry or committee!

Please pray about ways that you can serve God and follow Jesus with a group of others in the congregation who share your interest. The Lay Leadership Team will be meeting soon to invite people to serve on every church ministry team. If you have experience or interest in finance, fundraising, youth work, human resources, contracts and bids, building maintenance, leading or teaching small groups of children or adults, doing volunteer mission, caring for infants and toddlers... then our church needs you! There's no better way to get to know each other than by working on a common goal to help our church grow in spirit and in number. Contact Pastor Marcia or the church office for info.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This fall, we will have two exciting opportunities to dig deeper into our relationship with Jesus Christ by joining one of two studies based on *The Christian Atheist, Believing in God but Living as If He Doesn't Exist* by Craig Groeschel. This is a follow up to Pastor Marcia's popular sermon series of the same title. The study will be offered on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

The Thursday afternoon study will begin September 23rd at 1 pm. Pastor Marcia will be leading. The Tuesday evening study, will begin September 28th at 6:30 pm. Pastor Marcia's husband Kirk Heinz will be leading. **Both studies will be via Zoom.**

A description of the study is as follows:

"In this six-session small group Bible study, pastor and author Craig Groeschel leads you and your group on a personal journey toward an authentic, God-honoring life. This honest, hard-hitting, and eye-opening look into the ways people believe in God but live as if he doesn't exist is a classic in the making. You believe in God, attend church when it's convenient, and you generally treat people with kindness. But, have you surrendered to God completely, living every day depending upon the Holy Spirit?

In this small group Bible study, Groeschel encourages you and your group to be more than just "Christian" in name, to be honest before God, and to break free of hypocrisy to live a more authentic, God-honoring life." Please note that all are invited - including your friends and neighbors. We are including the links for you to purchase the needed materials. Note that you will need both the main book and the participant's guide. **If you need help in securing the materials, please reach out to Nancy in the office.**

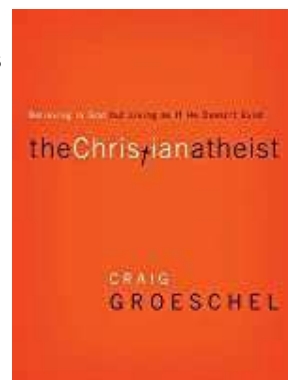
To sign up, you can contact Pastor Marcia directly or let Nancy know. Here's the link for the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Christian-Atheist-Believing-Living-Doesnt/dp/0310332222>

Here's the link for the participants guide: <https://www.amazon.com/Christian-Atheist-Participants-Guide-Believing/dp/0310329752>

I am so excited that we will be journeying together into deeper relationship with Christ and I look forward to seeing you there.

Let Christ lead your heart!

Pastor Marcia



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Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 am in Sanctuary*
11:00 am Zoom and Facebook

*All are welcome to on-site
worship. It has been recommended
by the CDC that all wear a mask
indoors.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write to you this morning, the sun is shining, the sky is a clear blue, and the sound of cardinals calling out to one another fills the air. What beautiful gifts God has given us! For me, these gifts are a reminder that no matter how much my life seems to change, some things are constant.

Together we're entering a season of renewal and change. One pastor leaves, another comes. This is the life of the church. Sometimes it's thrilling and sometimes it's frightening, but if we remember that God is our constant, then we will triumph.

I am excited to have been appointed to Yardley UMC, and I look forward to both getting to know you and serving in ministry together. What should you know about me? Well, two of the most important things are that God is first in my life and I'm an optimist. These qualities color everything about me. With God as my constant, all things are possible.

I am married to Kirk and we have two young-adult children. I have lived in Newtown since 1987.

I am a second career pastor, having worked first in the finance world. I began professional ministry in 2006 as a chaplain for the University of Pennsylvania Health System and as a pastor, I have served churches in Bucks County, Lancaster County, and Philadelphia.

My prayer for each of us is that we continue to grow our relationship with Christ for the betterment of the Body of Christ. Let's serve mightily with honor and open hearts. With God as our constant, may we look forward, not back, and believe in all of the possibilities.

May Christ lead your heart,

Pastor Marcia

(Editor's note, please next page for photos of the welcome celebration for Pastor Marcia that was held on July 11, 2021.)



A Warm Welcome



Welcome Pastor Marcia!

We welcomed Pastor Marcia Lincoln-Heinz and her husband Kirk to YUMC on July 1, 2021. Her daughter Emily sang a beautiful hymn in church on July 4th. Then on July 11th, we had a well-attended reception to celebrate the kick-off of her ministry at YUMC.

Have you gotten to know Pastor Marcia yet? We invite you to attend in person at 9 am or on ZOOM at 11 am; and you are welcome to call Pastor Marcia at 215-499-3351.





**CANTUS
NOVUS**
Excellence in Choral Artistry

Cantus Novus will soon call YUMC "home"

Cantus Novus is a 40-voice chamber choir based in Yardley, PA. Known in the region as a premier choral ensemble, Cantus Novus is delighted to begin in-person rehearsals for the first time since March of 2020. We are equally excited to enjoy the hospitality of the YUMC community as rehearsals begin on Sunday September 12th.

Cantus Novus is recognized throughout Bucks county and the Delaware Valley for presenting concerts of choral music ranging

from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Audience members often remark about the transformative feelings they experience at our December and May concerts.

Our accompanist Jihye Park and Artistic Director Edward McCall work collaboratively with the singers to create programs of beauty, emotion, and substance.

We are grateful to Pastor Marcia Lincoln-Heinz (who's daughter Emily sings in the choir), Eduardo Azzati and the entire YUMC congregation for welcoming us to our new rehearsal space.

Churches Emerging from the Pandemic, a virtual seminar via Zoom on Monday, Sept. 20, 9 AM-12 noon, will help church leaders "think more deeply about the challenges they are facing as their congregations emerge from the pandemic, and envision ways to address those challenges."

Leadership consultant Mike Bonem will lead the seminar. An expert on ministry leadership and congregational effectiveness, he is the author or co-author of several books: *Leading from the Second Chair*, *Thriving in the Second Chair*, *In Pursuit of Great and Godly Leadership*, and *Leading Congregational Change*.

Bonem spent 11 years as an executive pastor. With an MBA from Harvard Business School and a breadth of experience in ministry and business, he also has consulted with Fortune 100 companies.

Pastors, associate pastors, other staff and key lay leaders will all benefit from participating in this 3-hour event, which will include a presentation and interaction. Bonem will help attendees consider what is happening around us as we emerge from the pandemic, what it may mean to our congregations, and what it can mean for Christian leaders. Those considerations may include impacts and trends, challenges and characteristics of congregations seeking to survive and thrive as the pandemic wanes, and what steps to take now (even if the future is unclear). One impact to be considered is the overall health of church leaders in the wake of the pandemic. Please register today for this webinar here: <https://na.eventcloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=631882&>

Birthdays in September

01 Steve Pirog	18 Bill Moody
02 Joan Dansbury	19 Joshua Schettino
05 Priya Babu	21 Jenny Lefebvre
07 Jackson Luce	22 Andrea Scherer
09 Willie Mitchell	26 John Rymer
09 Cyndee Ward	26 Dylan Kelly
09 Christina Jackson	27 Connor Menzel
09 Rachel Hammelman	29 Susan Croggon
10 Matthew Hyland	
13 Molly Kaiser	



The Food Drive Continues: No Purple Bags, but yes to food donations for Penndel Food Pantry.

Since 2016, YUMC has delivered 14,281 pounds of food to the food pantry. For most of last year, some Yardley Church members continued to drop off food donations which were delivered once a month to Penndel Food Pantry. Even though the country is beginning to get back to normal, many people will still be facing food insecurities. So do not worry about purple bags or when to drop the food off, just bring it with you any time and place it in the shopping cart in the lobby of the church. (If the church is not open when you bring your donations, you may leave them at the top of the ramp.)



Yardley United Methodist supports **HAITI EARTHQUAKE** victims through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is working with partners in Haiti on how to best meet the immediate

needs of survivors following Saturday's devastating earthquake. 100% of all donations to UMCOR goes to the disaster for which the donations are given. You can support this mission by making a check made out to Yardley United Methodist Church, 300 Langhorne Rd, Yardley, PA 19067 – note Haiti Earthquake #982450 in the memo.

Doing God's Work during a Pandemic

by Denise Harris

Let me tell you about these four women. These are 4 of the most committed, passionate, hard working people I know!

Last year, when we went to Youth Group Zoom, they supported the group by being available to jump in and lead small groups, play games, etc.

In the Fall, we decided to begin meeting in person, outdoors. They worked to make sure we could meet safely each week while keeping some normalcy. They ordered the pizza, gloved, masked and served each youth.

At the end of Fall, when our area was in a virus surge, we took a serious look at what we did and all agreed with our small numbers and set up, we could safely continue to meet. These leaders worked hard each week to keep themselves and the youth distanced and safe. They figured out how to give us light and fire to make it cozy & safe.

In the depths of winter, I asked these leaders what was the coldest temp they'd be willing to meet in. (I was fully expecting them to say nothing below 35 degrees.) But they all agreed they would be there unless the feels like temp went below 20 degrees!!

So through the winter, we met. Bundled up and sitting close to the fire, we still had warm pizza, hot chocolate, s'mores and conversation.

Throughout the winter, our small group of youth and leaders became an intergenerational Small Group.

We all answered questions, shared about our lives, shared prayer concerns and grew together. It was an amazing thing to watch!

June 16th was our last regular Wednesday night until the fall. **(We start back again on September 8th!)** These 4 have been leading since Fall of 2019, with only a small break.

I am so thankful for these 4 youth workers!!! Their shirts say "I'll be there for you" and they were!! Every week, when things were changing all around us, when fear and frustration ruled our minds, YUMC Youth had a place to come to where they knew they would be safe, welcomed and included.

Pam, Andrea, Nancy, Kim no doubt, God called you to this time and you answered with an enthusiastic "YES... I will go!"

Thank you for being an example of people that love God and serve God's people. We are a group today because of your work these past 15 months!

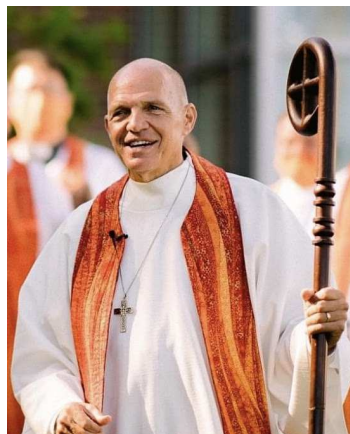


Thank you!!!

Praise the Lord!!!

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EPA Conference welcomes Bishop John Schol as its episcopal leader

At the end of August 2021, our Eastern Pennsylvania Conference family of churches said farewell to current Bishop Peggy Johnson, who will retire after 13 years of spirit-filled leadership with us. Following her retirement, we welcome Bishop John R. Schol who will

next provide episcopal leadership for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference beginning September 1, 2021.

Bishop Schol was raised in Philadelphia and began his career in ministry in that area, where he developed strong values of hard work, a respect for diversity, a drive toward ingenuity and excellence, and a spirit of grace. Bishop Schol served congregations in Saugus, Mass., Philadelphia, and West Chester. In each of his congregations, worship and membership grew, and new, creative mission in the community expanded. For 12 years he served as the Executive Director of the Frankford Group Ministry in Philadelphia. This new, emerging cooperative ministry that aligned four United Methodist congregations grew from one staff person to more than 50 staff positions. The ministry led its community in developing better race relations and providing social services, community economic development and community arts programs. During and after his ministry there, the ministry also led its community in building and rehabilitating more than 200 housing units and served more than 20,000 people a year. In the 1990s, John Schol served the denomination by leading Urban Ministries at the General Board of Global Ministries. There he developed and led at least two major, successful initiatives: Communities of Shalom and Holy Boldness. The Communities of Shalom initiative started more than 1,000 sites globally and trained more than 5,000 people in church and community development. Holy Boldness developed into a collaborative urban ministry training and congregational development movement that served districts and conferences around the UMC connection. Since his election in 2004, Bishop Schol has served with distinction as the Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore Washington Conference and as Bishop of the Greater New Jersey Conference. He will now provide episcopal leadership to the Eastern PA while continuing to lead Greater New Jersey.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will welcome Bishop John Schol and his wife Beverly Schol on **Saturday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.** at a livestreamed celebration held at West Chester UMC, with only key participants physically present. This decision was made "out of an abundance of caution" due to the present surge in COVID-19. The program will include a covenant service, presentation of symbolic signs of the episcopacy, Holy Communion, special music and a message in response by Bishop Schol.

Excerpted from articles in the Spring 2021 and August 19, 2021 issues of NEWSpirit, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference's newsletter. More about the activities of our Conference can be viewed at epaumc.org.

A Gift in Honor of Bishop Johnson's service

YUMC joined other churches in our conference in honoring retiring Bishop Peggy Johnson with a donation to the Central Congo Conference Partnership. Bishop Johnson sent YUMC a letter of thanks for the gift:



"...I am writing to thank you for your generous gift in my honor to the Central Congo Conference Partnership...Your dollars will go far to help with feeding programs, medical services, education, church development and vocational training. Nothing makes me happier than seeing the great work of God's people at the Central Congo Conference.

*I also wish to express to you my thanks for your faithful ministry and service to the Lord Jesus in your churches and communities. It has been my privilege to walk alongside of you during my tenure as your bishop in the EPA since 2008. Your **faithfulness** to spreading the gospel, your **concern** for the people on the margins of life, and your **commitment** to connectional ministry with other churches has been outstanding...*

It has been a joy to serve and as I prepare for retirement, I promise to hold you in my heart and prayers..."



A thank you letter was received from Family Service Association...YUMC took a special Mother's Day offering to benefit Family Services. The following thank you letter was received from Julies Dees, CEO:

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$3,579 to Family Service. Please know how thankful I am for the continued generosity and thoughtfulness of Yardley United Methodist Church. We truly could not do all this without you.

Last year, nearly 30,000 people turned to Family Service...30 programs which include mental health counseling, drug and alcohol treatment, crisis and case management, parenting skills, information and referral services, housing referrals and services in our shelter...Thank you so much!"





Thank you to all who have made their tithes and gifts in person, by mail or on line. Please continue your regular giving to the church during this difficult time. Your checks

can be mailed to this address..... Yardley United Methodist Church, 300 Langhorne Rd, Yardley PA 19067.

You can also make online gifts by going to <https://www.yardleyumc.org/give>

Your ongoing support makes possible our ministry to each other and to our community, especially in this time of crisis. God bless you.

Electronic Transaction Change

There is a change to the Vanco application, the company the church uses to process the electronic donations to our church. **The change only effects the people who downloaded the GivePlus+ application to their device (especially phones and tablets). There is no change to our church website or your sign on if you have previously given electronically.**

The current GivePlus+ application will be discontinued as of September 30 and replaced by the Vanco Mobile application which is available now.

If you have used the GivePlus+ application you will have to download the new free Vanco Mobile application from either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

After the download is finished, search for Yardley United Methodist Church. You will then be able to sign on to make a donation. If you have set up a Vanco payment log on, you should be able to use it. At that point you should see available funds and payment options. The system will remember your bank account or card information for future donations or for recurring donations.

After you have successfully added the new Vanco Mobile app you can delete the GivePlus+ app from your device.



Charge Conference

Wed, Nov 10, 2021

6:45 pm via ZOOM

All are encouraged to attend.

The fall Red Cross Blood Drive

at YUMC will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28th in Fellowship Hall, appointments from 2 PM to 6:45 PM.



Yardley UMC Youth worked at Snipes Farm and Education Center as part of their Mission Experience this summer. The following article appeared in Snipes' summer newsletter:

Yardley United Methodist Church Volunteers at Snipes Farm: On July 13th a group of youth and adults from Yardley United Methodist Church provided fantastic volunteer service at Snipes Farm and Education Center! Led by long-time farm volunteer, Andrea Scherer, [and youth minister, Denise Harris] the group picked blueberries and sweet potatoes and cleared a fence line. Methodist youth have been volunteering at SFEC for the past five years...



YUMC youth and adult leaders worked at Snipes during this summer's Mission Experience.

YUMC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry at Yardley UMC exists to share God's love with teenagers, equip them to experience the work of ministry, honor the Lord and enjoy one another.

Do you have questions? Need someone to talk to? See Denise or any youth leader. Or, email denise@yardleyumc.org

Not sure of dates for events? Have a sports event, concert, or other activity that you want your youth ministry friends to know about? Check out the calendar on our website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org! You can add your birthday, activities or even prayer requests by clicking on dates on the calendar.

Need to sign up for an event? You can go to the youth website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org.

All Hands on Deck:

Save these dates!

Pumpkins unloading-Oct 16, 3 pm

Pumpkin Patch - Oct 16-31



Bring wheelbarrows if you have them,
help unload pumpkins,
invite everyone as many hands make light work.



Calling all families of 1st-12th graders! Get ready for:

Destination: UNKNOWN!

Kids & Youth & their families are invited to meet Sunday mornings for a mystery journey!

Sunday mornings at 10 am, we will meet in the front of the church. Families will receive a packet with directions and supplies.

Families will follow the directions to find the meet up point. At the location, a leader will be there to begin the activity. We will end by 10:45 am.

Each activity will be done as a family, and will be applicable to all ages. We won't drive more than 10 minutes away from the church.

So, gather your families, sharpen your directional skills and get ready for an adventure!

Destination Unknown meets 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10



Announcing Mission Trips 2022!

It has been two years since we have planned and fund-raised for a mission trip. We have been blessed to be able to work in our local community these past 2 years.

Now, in 2022, we will return to joining other youth ministries & churches in mission projects! Check out the opportunities for YOU to serve and sign up!

An informational meeting will be scheduled for the end of September to share all information. Date TBA.

MyCalling!: Yardley UMC

Our Middle School Students (open to youth currently entering 5th grade- high school) and High School Leaders will participate in MyCalling!: Yardley UMC **July 10-14th** (High School Leaders attend July 9). We will sleep, play and eat at YUMC, while spending our days serving in several different project in Pa and NJ. Friends are welcome to join in! Sign up early to take advantage of fund-raisers.

Next Step Ministries: South Dakota

Our High School students and Young Adults will be going to Pine Ridge Reservation **July 24-30th**. We will spend the week serving the people and ministries of the reservation. We will learn about the past and present stories and people of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe.

This trip is open to all youth currently entering 8th grade-college age.

Parents, Friends and church members are welcome to join this once in a lifetime experience! **Check out Next Step**

Ministries Page on South Dakota

Sign up early, to participate in the fundraisers.



Overall Wednesday Night Theme Announced for 2021-22!

As we kick off this new school year, God Squad and Youth Group are excited to kick off our new theme for the year.

Our theme, "Rooted & Grounded" will guide our lessons, activities and more. We are using Ephesians 3:17 as our theme verse of the year.

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. Ephesians 3:17 NLT

Our prayer is that God would work through our lessons, discussions & games to root us in a deeper understanding of a relationship with God.

We don't know what this year will bring us. However, we know from last year, that we can continue to learn and grow in our faith and as a group if we work together.

We are excited to see where God leads us and the ways we use "Rooted and Grounded" to grow in our faith and in our relationships with others.

Youth Group Returns Sept 8!



Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm

Starting Sept 8, all youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join Youth Group Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm.

We will have dinner, games and discussion. Parents, Friends, Pressure, Secret Identity, Passion to fight for what's right and secret lairs are just a few things we have in common with super heroes and their stories.

Bring \$4 for pizza...Invite your friends...Join us!



All Ages: New Children's Curriculum from Cokesbury Kids!

**Sunday School lessons are emailed out each week!
New for Fall Sunday School - Celebrate Wonder curriculum, begins Sept 5.**

The theme for September is Reconciliation: The Story of Joseph and his Brothers. Lessons continue virtually. Celebrate Wonder honors the spiritual life of all children. This curriculum serves as a Biblical guide to help children make meaning for their lives. It seeks to deepen children's faith formation so that they may understand their spiritual identity as children of God.

***If you know of anyone who would enjoy a weekly email with the link to the Sunday School lesson, please email office@yardleyumc.org.*



4th, 5th and 6th Water Games!

*Youth and God Squad
Nerf Wars!*



God Squad is kicking off Wednesday September 8th!

All kids 1st-5th grade are invited to join God Squad Wednesdays 5:30 pm-7 pm for Dinner, Games and Lessons. Friends welcome to join! We are kicking off the year with a Super Hero Theme! We will focus our games and lessons on answering the question "What does it take to be a Super Hero?" Bring \$4 for pizza.

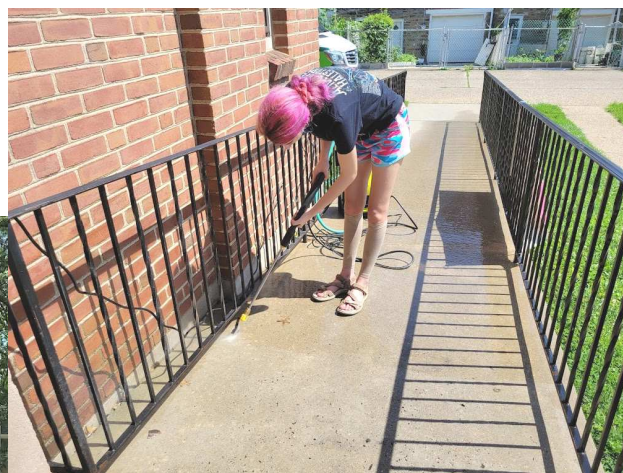
Attention 4th, 5th, 6th graders— Watch your email for announcements for future special get togethers. In August we had a wet, wild and fun event at the church—Water Games! Get ready to invite your friends!

Also, parents of 1st through 12th graders—see page 8 for details on **DESTINATION UNKNOWN!**





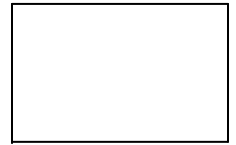
A summer of firsts...Pastor Marcia's first Sunday...the first in person staff meeting...stay tuned for other "firsts."



Summer 2021 Mission Experience!



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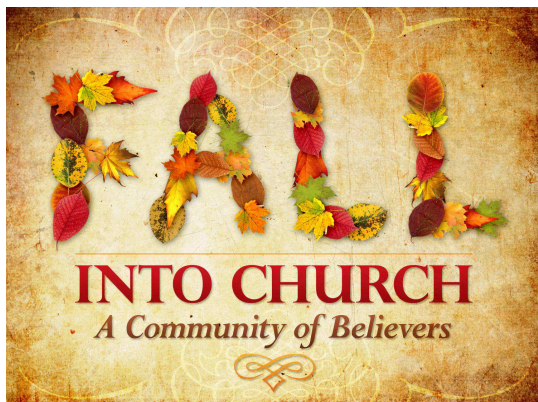


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SEPTEMBER 2021

Upcoming Events

September

- 7 Aaron Team Meeting via ZOOM
- 8 First Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm
- 8 First God Squad, 5:30-7 pm
- 8 Young Adults ZOOM (day change to Wednesdays)
- 12 Trustees, 12:15 pm via ZOOM
- 13 Finance Meeting, 6 pm via ZOOM
- 13 Faith Formation, 7:30 pm via ZOOM
- 15 Youth Group, God Squad
- 19 Destination Unknown, 10 am
- 20 Oct/Nov Newsletter deadline
- 20 Ad Council, 6 pm via ZOOM
- 22 Youth Group, God Squad
- 23 Thursday Christian Atheist Study, 1 pm, ZOOM
- 26 Destination Unknown, 10 am
- 28 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-6:45 pm
- 28 Tues Night Christian Atheist Study, 6:30 pm, ZOOM
- 29 Youth Group, God Squad