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The Fruit of the Spirit: The ARP Prayer Emphasis for 2017

An article by Dodie Skaar in the Nov/Dec 2016 issue of *The ARP Magazine* illustrated how we can use Galatians 5:22-23 to structure our prayers. Using this article as a reference, Mitchell recently provided the members of the congregation with a handout that shows us how we can pray through each quality of the fruit of the Spirit during our private prayer time. The Spiritual Care Committee of the WM has made more copies of Mitchell's handout, and is encouraging everyone to use this handout as a guide for prayer during 2017. Copies are located on the table in Providence Hall.

Why is March Multi-Cultural Month? By: Phil Williams, Synod Moderator

When we consider that we are specifically instructed to make disciples of all nations, we all must be obedient. This year, I will join the efforts of Outreach North America and name March as Multi-Cultural Emphasis Month. Many of our leaders will be sharing devotions and exhortations throughout the month to help our denomination turn our focus toward prayer for our friends from other cultures.

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

Sign up to have devotions emailed each day: ONA-ARP.org/march



March 2017 Announcements

Women's Ministry

- (1) Our Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, March 2nd, at the Church with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the Bible study at 7:30 p.m. We will focus on Chapter 3 of the Study Book on Galatians.
- (2) The Women's Ministries will visit Beulah Land on Thursday, March 30th. (3) Women's Ministries Spring Retreat will be April 21 – 22, 2017 at Grace Bible Camp at Goshen. The speaker will be Ms. Koziarz from the Proverbs 31 Ministries. More details in bulletins soon.

Children's Fellowship and Youth Group



Little Lambs is for ages pre-school through fifth grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting with a light supper followed by a short Bible lesson and activities. The dates for this spring are: March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, April 9th (Easter Egg Hunt/Party), April 16th (no meeting), May 7th and May 21st (Beginning of Summer Party). **Youth Group** is for 6th – 12th graders. They typically meet on the same dates as Little Lambs.

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our Monday Mid-Day program begins March 6th. Programs continue March 20th, April 3rd, April 17th, May 1st and May 15th. We begin with a program at 11:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch. The cost of the meal is \$3.00/person. We will post a sign-up sheet for help with the meals. Everyone is invited!

Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care committee has planned a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville on May 9th to see "Then Sings my Soul". More details will follow soon.

Cemetery Clean up

The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on March 18th. **All** flowers/decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date. Any flowers/decorations remaining in the cemetery on the 18th will be discarded.

PreSchool Update

Registration for 2017/2018 has started. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. Please see the website for details or call Barbara at 886-8685 or Stephanie at 377-2911. Tell your family and friends!

Community Events

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company is having a BBQ Chicken Dinner on March 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Mental Health America of Augusta is sponsoring a support group called “Grieving & Coping in Community: Living with your Love One’s Mental Illness.” They will start meeting on March 6, 2017. For more information, contact Dr. Long at (540) 332-8004.

Weekday Religious Education: (1) The Riverheads WRE is sponsoring a “Night of Praise” on March 12th, 6:00 p.m. at Raphine Christian Church. Kid’s groups are invited to perform. Please contact Dana at 377-9921 or raphinechristian@comcast.net. A free-will offering will be taken for Riverheads WRE General Fund and there will be a Full Size Batiks Quilt auctioned off to benefit WRE Building Fund. Each church is asked to bring cookies to share. (2) There will be a Cake Walk on April 1st, 6 p.m. at Mint Springs Ruritan Building to benefit WRE. Churches are asked to bring a case of drinks, and cakes would be appreciated by 5:30 p.m. that day. (3) WRE is in search of nominations for: Vice President, Secretary and Director. If interested contact Ms. Barr. (4) A benefit for “WRE” Weekday Religious Education, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver in Concert, will be held on March 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Vesuvius Baptist Church. For details about tickets, contact John at (540) 280-5639 or john@polpartners.com.

Transition Contact Information

If you need pastoral assistance, please contact any Elder. Please contact Hedley or Bob, if you know of any Pastor Care Needs (home or hospital visits, calls, etc.).

If you have matters to be considered by the Session, please contact Vice-Moderator John or Clerk Matt.

The Rev. Harris will serve as the Moderator of the Session during the period the church is without a Pastor.

Bible School

“FAITH EXPEDITION”

June 18 – 22, 2017 Vacation Bible School at Old Providence

“X” marks the spot” is a phrase associated with expeditions and treasure hunts as adventurers set off to seek fame and fortune. As Christians, a cross marks the spot where the greatest treasure is found, redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that through VBS this year, children who are believers will be encouraged to dig deeply into the rich treasure God has given them, and that many others will find and claim God’s gracious treasure by giving their hearts to the Lord.

During the daily skits, children will look on as the characters make the Faith Expedition to find the greatest treasure in the world. In Bible lessons, students will study man’s need for God and the faith God has given us to follow His plan; to believe His promises; to obey Him; to repent and turn to Jesus; and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Daily lessons are reinforced throughout the curriculum not only in class study times, but also through the memory work, music, skits, and crafts. These are activities for each type of learner so that every student has the opportunity to remember the truths taught.

Mark your calendars, invite your family, friends, and neighbors, and plan to attend VBS at OP, to travel through the “Faith Expedition” together.

March 2017 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 1

No Bible Study

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, March 5

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

5:30 p.m. - Children's Fellowship/Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Joint Meeting

Monday, March 6

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program resumes

Wednesday, March 8

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study



Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time begins – Set your clocks forward one hour

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Maggie and Mikayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

Wednesday, March 15

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, March 18

VA Presbytery at Johnson Creek Church

5:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship/Youth Group

Sunday, March 19

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Joy and Vicki

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Dana

5:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship/Youth Group

Monday, March 20

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, March 22

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, March 26

10:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Kayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship: Communion Service

Children’s Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Wednesday, March 29

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, March 30

Women’s Ministries visits Beulah Land

Upcoming Easter Events

April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt/Party

April 12 – Pre-Easter Dinner

April 16 – Resurrection Sunday - Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.

Scheduled Worship Leader

Mr. Sutton – March 5 to March 26