

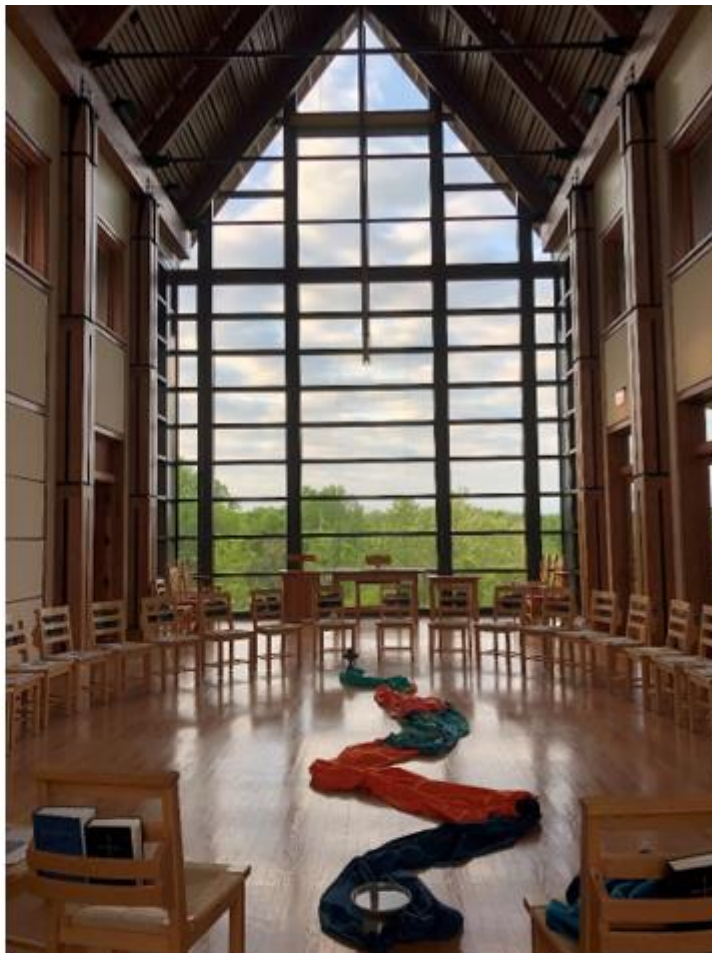


A Message from Pastor Becca

*Chapel at Roslyn Conference Center Richmond, VA
Photo Credit: Pastor Becca*

Holy Week was full to the brim with opportunities to worship, reflect, remember, and finally rejoice in the resurrection! I am so grateful for each of you who made time during this sacred week to be in worship. It may not be a surprise that the end of Holy Week, leaves a pastor a bit on the exhausted side.

I spent the week after Easter Sunday at Credo (year 2) this is a continuing education event offered by our PC(USA) Board of Pensions. I committed myself to this two-year program on longevity in ministry in 2017. It was a great joy to be with colleagues in ministry as we explored what it means to be leaders in the church today. I was able to worship each day in this breath-taking space with a full wall of windows looking over the rolling hills outside. (Notice how all the chairs face each other!) I spent most of each day in plenary sessions and small group discussions with my peers and faculty. While there was time to rest and partake in a long stretch of sabbath on Sunday morning, it was a week of doing the hard work of continuing education. I am so grateful I serve in a denomination that allows me time to pursue continuing education two weeks per year!



As I was reflecting upon ministry in this beautiful place, I was thinking of you all. It is my prayer that you all have some space like this to sit quietly with God and experience sabbath pause. I know it is not feasible for most of us to take a whole week away on retreat or continuing education. However, I encourage you to find ways to carve out time from your busy lives to catch your breath, be it at a retreat center or a walk in the woods. I invite you to remember that you too are called to continue your Christian Education through out your life. I would love to hear about where you would like to go deeper in your faith walk! Please feel free to share your curiosity and longings with me. We are after all on this journey of faith together.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 4 – Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-11am

May 5 – Communion Sunday*

May 6 – Christian Ed Meeting

May 12 – Mother's Day & Baptism

May 13 – Mission Support Meeting

May 20 – Deacons Meeting

May 27 – Session Meeting

May 27 – Church Office closed

May 30 – Small World Graduation 5:30pm

May 31 – Small World Picnic 11am-1pm



A beautiful display for Easter!

*Did you know we are now serving Gluten Free bread at Communion?



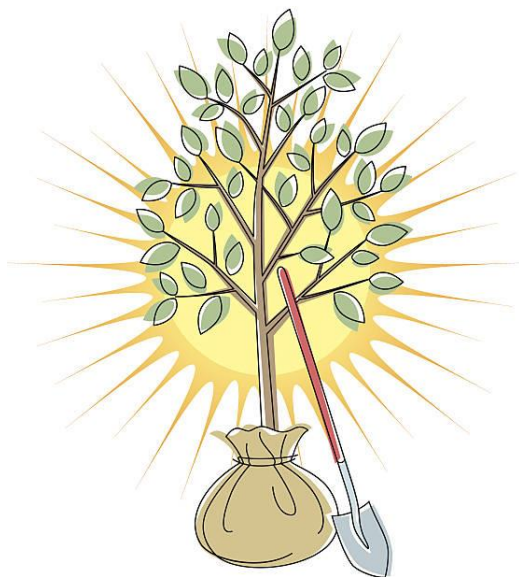
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the Deacons were able to send 8 care packages to our college students right before their final exams. Members donated student-loved items such as Twizzlers, tea, PayDays, popcorn, Kind bars, Goldfish and even some crazy socks! Pastor Becca made sure each student had a personal note in their box and several Sunday school children made cards. **Thank you all!!**



HOPE Garden 2019 Season Has Begun!

The Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) Garden had its second workday on April 27. It was a blustery but beautiful day for lining the walkways with wood chips (thank you First Class Tree Service!) and for thinning out the lettuce plants beginning to sprout. **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who came out to help. The 2019 season is off to a great start!



EAGLE SCOUT LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Look for some new landscaping to begin on the north side of the church this June! Joey Krakowiecki of Medford scout troop #26 presented his ideas at the joint Session/Deacons meeting in April. Joey will complete this project as a requirement to becoming an Eagle Scout. The final layout, irrigation plans and expenses will be approved by Session in May.

View photos of these activities and more on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/HopeGardenatFaithChurch>.

No login required to view the photos.



Edible Medford



*Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor. — Proverbs 22:9*

HOPE Garden Mission Expansion

We want to assist Medford organizations to help grow food for the needy by consulting in the construction of raised planters on their property.

Using the \$5,000 grant, HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) Garden volunteers can help an organization with the materials in the construction of the raised planters and will do a 50% match of the cost of the materials. We will get the wood for the planters, locally, from Medford Cedar Products. The planters would be constructed similar to the ones in the HOPE Garden – 4' x 8' long – or adjusted to fit the various site conditions.

There appears to be space at various properties around Medford to install raised planters. While the efforts may seem small per site, collectively it can be significant. The fresh organic produce that is grown in the raised planters can be used by the individual organizations to add to their existing food donations.

To date, we have directly reached out to contacts we have at: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford Methodist Church, Medford Quakers, Medford Leas and Medford Cares.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!!

We are also spreading the word about Edible Medford via social media and local newspapers in hopes of reaching additional organizations in the area that may be interested in participating.

Let us know if you know of an organization that we can connect with!



Prayer Shawl Ministry New Meeting Day and Time Join Us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry now meets the **first Saturday of the month from 10 to 11 am. The second meeting this year will be May 4.** The Ministry meets again in September, October and November. We welcome new members and anyone who would like to knit at home. See Janet Sharpe with any questions.

Eyeglass Collection

When Helen Keller addressed the international convention at Cedar Point in Ohio on June 30, 1925, the Lions were charged as Knights of the Blind and have been collecting eyeglasses ever since. The Mission Committee is continuing the collection of eyeglasses. Your old prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses are of great need. Please place your donation of glasses in the box in the Fellowship Room labeled Eyeglasses. They will be donated to the Lions International Club in Medford.



All in One Sunday School May 2019 Schedule

We are looking for teachers! You will have an assistant and a lesson plan. It's forty minutes of fun plus it's so important for the adults to pass this knowledge on to the children. If you are interested, please see Linda Hamilton.

May Lessons:

5/5: Thomas Believes

5/12: The Great Commission

5/19: Believers Share

5/26: Choosing the Seven



Small World Updates!

May is all about MOM here at Small World!!

- ❖ **The 2's** will be preparing for their Mother's Day Teas by learning songs and making beautiful crafts to give to their mommies on their special day. The end of the year includes learning about garden creatures, wearing red, white and blue for Memorial Day and splashing around on Water Day!!
- ❖ **The 3's** will be getting ready for Mother's Day by preparing special gifts and songs. We will learn about ocean creatures and work on something special for Father's Day. At the end of the month we will make a patriotic craft and have a parade for Memorial Day!
- ❖ **Pre-K** will be learning about the parts of a flower and what flowers need to grow. They will also be very busy preparing for their Mother's Day Teas. They have finished working on the letters of the alphabet and now will work on reviewing the letters and sounds to be good and ready for Kindergarten. They will round out the month with Water Day, a patriotic celebration, an awesome Carnival Day and then Graduation!!
- ❖ **TK** in the month of May is all about flowers and Mother's Day! We will have Water Day, Red, White and Blue Day, Carnival Day and learn all about the Ocean. Graduation will end our month and year, as TK sails off to Kindergarten!!

It's very hard to believe the end of another school year is upon us. Small World would like to thank Faith Presbyterian for working hand in hand with us to ensure that the children have the most positive school experience.

We have some very important events coming up and would love to see you there!!

Graduation: Thursday May 30th @ 5:30 in the Sanctuary

Annual Picnic: Friday May 31st @ Small World 11:00 – 1:00





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Looking for part-time work? There are openings at Golden Pheasant Country Club for the pro shop, outside carts, dining and kitchen. Please contact Brian Feldschneider at the Pro Shop (609) 267-4276, and mention George Anderson when you call.