

# Blessing of the Backpacks

Leader: Today we lift up teachers, staff, and administrators as they prepare for the new year.

**People: We pray for wisdom, discernment, and protection.**

Leader: We pray for joy and compassion as they walk with students and parents.

**People: That God would use them to be a beacon of light and hope in the lives of their students, and receive the same in return.**

Leader: We lift up parents and guardians as they make decisions, encourage students, and prepare for a new year.

**People: We pray for wisdom and hope for them.**

Leader: Strengthen parent/children relationships that the stresses of homework and busy schedules will be handled with energy, patience and love

**People: That as they step into a year of unknown challenges and opportunities, they are reminded that they are not alone - Christ goes before and with them and their children.**

Leader: We lift up our students, as they enter into a new year and we pray for peace, and trust.

**People: That no matter what challenges or joys the year holds they can see God moving in their lives, knowing that they are beloved, and never alone.**

Leader: Finally, we lift up the neighborhoods and communities that surround our Schools and we pray that they would be places of safety and welcome.

**People: That as students move in them they would see love in action through neighbors,**

People: the beauty of creation in the people and places that make up each block,

**Leader: and that the Spirit would move to bring people together in peace and love.**

## Announcements

### Concerns and Celebrations

**Home:** Josephine and John Lin (Arlington, VA), Mark Rizzo and Susan Smith

**Recuperating at Home:** Lynda Richmond, Susan Robertson, Dan Matthews (Churchland House), Craig Kuehn, Marsha Matthews (Harmony), Sherry Licata, Gerry Soderquist (Harmony), and Larry Ambrose (brother of Jaime Ambrose)

**Chemotherapy/Radiation:** Roger Anderson and Bill Crone (friend of Warriner Atkinson)

*\* Italicized names are new or updated.*

**Birthdays This Past Week:** Jonathan Allison, AnnaLisa Michalski, Bobby Bray, Nicole Diorio, Meredith Frederick, and Mary Beers

**Birthdays This Week:** Samuel van de Graaf, Jim Easterbrooks, Nick Leshkow, and Josephine Lin

### Worship Announcements

Our *Liturgist* this morning is Donna Coleman.

The *Flowers* this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and the blending of our families by Donna Coleman.

*Nursery Care* will be provided by Jennifer Newsome and Patrick Hartigan.

*Children's church* is available for children 10 & under after Blessing of the Backpacks.

Happening This Week		
Sunday, September 11	9:30 am	Sunday School
<i>Rally Day</i>	10:30 am	Worship & Blessing the Backpacks
	11:30 am	Service Committee Meeting
	11:45 am	Rally Day Luncheon
Monday	5:00 pm	Alpha Epsilon FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	Renovation Meeting
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Parlor
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Planning Committee Pastor's Study
	7:30 pm	Session Meeting MR
Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	11:00 am	Women's Group
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner FH
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	12:00 pm	Facebook Live Prayer Time
Sunday, September 18	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Children's Choir
	5:00 pm	Youth Kick Off
FH – Fellowship Hall MR – Meeting Room YR – Youth Room		

SEPTEMBER 14  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
DINNER**

Sign Up in the Narthex or contact  
the church office to sign up!  
\$9.00 per person | \$25 family max.

This week's menu:  
fried chicken  
mashed potatoes  
green beans

**\*ALL NEW\***

**GAPC  
Children's  
Choir**



LOOKING FOR ALL KIDS FROM  
KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE  
TO PARTICIPATE  
SUNDAYS @ 11:45 AM

Contact Marty if your child is interested  
marty.barstow@greenacrespc.org (757) 374-3039

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

MONTHLY MEETINGS BEGIN  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH @11AM

We will be studying Grace by Max Lucado

Bring your own lunch. Dessert  
and drinks will be provided

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

WEEKLY MEETINGS BEGIN  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH @7PM

We will be studying Breathe by Priscilla Shirer



**SEPTEMBER 18TH  
5PM-8PM**



**Saturday, October 1**

**Fall Craft  
Night**

Art & crafts workshop for  
everyone! \$25 per person  
Sign up in the Narthex



*October 20  
7:00 PM*





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