

## PREACHER HOURS

This last Wednesday I attended a Continuing Education Event at St. Leo Abbey, a monastery and Retreat Center near Zephyrhills. The event was sponsored by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) and was called "Engaging Aging in Today's World." It was a good day, though so full of good information, inspiring talks, great ideas, and interesting people that I came home exhausted!

I do know that it is important for us pastors to continue to grow and stretch and learn, but sometimes it seems a challenge to fit it all in, especially since I only work half-time. Doing Continuing Education for a full day meant I was hardly at Hope at all last week. I wondered if I was working hard enough.

Then I realized what's coming: I'll be at Cedarkirk with the church retreat group Sunday (overnight) and Monday, and at church next Wednesday as usual. The week after that is our Day Camp, and I plan to be at church at least three days of that week: to participate, to show support, to see how it's going.

And about Day Camp: I am REALLY proud of Hope,

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# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

May 26, 2019



**OUR CEDARKIRK RETREAT** - is this afternoon and tomorrow. If you are not able to join us at camp, please pray for the Hope Presbyterian Retreat Group: for safe travels, good weather, joyous fellowship, and a deep sense of the presence of God in our time together.

**OUR DAY CAMP** - starts a week from tomorrow. Please help by:

praying for our campers, our camp staff, and the activities of the week.

signing up to assist a few hours during the week. You are needed.

extend appreciation and welcome to the Cedarkirk staffers as you are able. They make all this possible.

**RENOVATIONS TO OUR SANCTUARY** - will begin as Day Camp ends. After June 9 worship will move to Hambley Hall for several exciting weeks while the sanctuary is refurbished with new carpet and paint, bathroom improvements, new flooring in the narthex, and more. Next week we will let you know specific ways you can help as we remove furnishings from the sanctuary (after worship on June 9) and prepare to set up worship in Hambley (ready for worship on June 16). Stay tuned! There will be much to do and need for many hands.

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"Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God.

Live that truth."

*Lysa Terkeurst*

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extending a welcome to 30 or more children and their families, giving them a chance to play and sing and build friendships and learn about the kind of Peace God wants for our world. With the theme of Peace Works, the Day Camp children and staff will be talking about and praying for peace all week! That's really something! I can't miss being part of that!

So, while I sometimes wish I could do more as your half-time pastor, I realize once again that my job is to guide and support and encourage you as a church. In doing those things I focus on providing solid and trustworthy ministry; I hope that's how you see me. At the same time, I benefit from growing in faith with all of you.

It is a joy. A joy and a blessing.  
Thank you.

Pastor Ginny

**PENTECOST** is coming up: June 9 this year. It is the day that among other things we like to wear RED, remembering the flame of the Holy Spirit and its wind. God took that moment to bring energy and passion to the young church in Jerusalem and does it again when we are open to letting God's Spirit move us to new life. Open your Bible and read the second chapter of the book of Acts to be inspired by the amazing story.

**YOUNG AT HEART** - will be having their last luncheon on May 30th, at noon at the Plaza. After lunch we will play card bingo, so bring 12 quarters. Hope all can come.

**SUMMER MUSIC** - We need your help to fill our Sunday services with music. If you would be interested in singing or playing any instrument or making music in any way, please sign up in the narthex. If you know a DATE you'd like to participate, there is a sheet there for that too.

**MEN OF HOPE** and Men of Mount Moriah will host a joint appreciation lunch for the ladies from both churches at Mount Moriah where the men will cook and serve the ladies. This will be on the first Saturday of the month, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the Church for a 11:30 a.m. departure and carpool down. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

**WNA** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of WNA until the Fall. Thank you to all those who lead studies, those who cooked in the kitchen and those who came.

### CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Today and tomorrow			Retreat group at Cedarkirk
Mon.	05/27	09:00 a.m.	Office will be closed
Wed.	05/29	05:45 p.m. 06:30 p.m.	WNA Adult, children and youth studies
Thurs.	05/30	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart lunch at the plaza
Mon.	06/01	11:30 a.m.	Men's group leaves for Mt Moriah

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