



MESSENGER

Friday, June 03, 2016

**SUNDAY SERVICE,
JUNE 05, 2016 - 10:30 AM**

Rev. Dr. Ben Sorensen

New Testament Lesson: Mark 8:22-26

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 20:1-11

Sermon: "The Miracle"

COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. We also designate these Sundays as "Mission Sundays". Donations help provide funds and services to those in need within our own church, within the immediate community, and through charitable organizations such as House of Hope. If you wish to make a donation to the Missions program on this June 5th Mission Sunday, an envelope is provided in your envelope offering box and also in the church pews.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Ben's Sunday morning Bible Study has been discontinued for the summer. It will resume in September.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

On June 4th, **Rachael Higginbotham, Gwen Altman, Katie Yuskas, and Ali Wettermann**, accompanied by Christian Education Director **Pati Higginbotham**, will leave for their long-anticipated Youth Conference Mission Trip to the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. They have worked hard this year raising money for the trip, and thank all the church members and friends who made contributions through participation in their several fundraisers.

Please include these youth and their director in your prayers as we ask God to protect them and open their hearts and minds to the wonderful experiences and lessons that this retreat will provide.

ABOUT MONTREAT

The Montreat Conference Center is one of the largest conference centers affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The conference center is under the management of the Mountain Retreat Association, which formed in 1905 and is a church-related institute. For over 100 years, it has been a place set apart for those who journey there seeking a closer relationship with their Creator. Each year it is visited by over 35,000 people seeking physical and spiritual renewal in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. Over 5,000 of those are youth who attend one of six Youth Conferences.

The mission of Montreat conferences is “to encounter God through relationships, renewal, recreation, and rest.” This is achieved through activities which include morning energizers, music, keynote speakers, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship.

The Youth Conference is designed for high school students and their adult leaders. It is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. It strives to create a community of safe space, where youth can gain a deeper understanding of God. It allows exploration of differences and similarities together as well as making connections with neighbors near and far. It clears space for encountering God, discovering and deepening a vibrant and durable faith in Jesus Christ, and hearing an invitation to make a personal commitment to embody the love, justice, and righteousness of Christ.

WE CELEBRATE PATI

Following the Montreat Youth Conference, **Pati Higginbotham** will be stepping down as Christian Education Director at Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church. She has served so admirably in this position for the past 6 years, planning, overseeing, directing and participating in Sunday School, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Christmas pageants, Easter Egg hunts, youth mission trips, and scheduling and working with the volunteer teachers and nursery attendant.

At the worship service on Sunday, May 29, Pati was honored by the parents and children with whom she has worked over the years. Represented by Kathy Oldham and Linda Croyl, they presented her with a huge thank you card and a silver Pandora bracelet with a cross and a star charm.



Pati, none of us wanted to see this day come. We heartily thank you for all you have done for the children and youth of our Church, and wish you all the best as you move on to new professional endeavors.

SUNDAY NURSERY

Our nursery attendant, Deb Dery, has taken a family leave and we will miss her. If we want to continue to have nursery care available on Sunday mornings we will need volunteers. Please let Pastor Ben know if you would like to serve in this capacity.

June 2016 Upcoming Family Events

June 4-11: Montreat Youth Conference

Pastor Ben's Corner



So often in the news we hear heart-break and horrifically sad events. We can be inundated with so much negativity that we can begin asking ourselves, "Is

anything good happening?" We can almost be drawn to hopelessness. However, in our faith we hear an entirely different message. Jesus Christ tells us of a message of hope. Christ's ministry is a ministry of not shying away from the darkness but Christ seeks to transform darkness and sadness. Christ does this through his transforming love and through miracles big and small. Come this Sunday to worship at 10:30 a.m. and let's talk about miracles in Christ's ministry and miracles in our world today.

Faithfully,
Pastor Ben

BIRTHDAYS

- **June 6** - Jan Norrish

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elinor Ryan
- Dorothy Barringer
- DeDeCarrieri
- Sandy Owen
- Bill Hendren
- Joanne Weiland
- Ed Heimann
- Rita Skojec
- Janaty Sessom
- Kent Phillips
- Tricia Todd Family
- Josephine Scricca
- Jonathan Suffill
- Marilyn Benedict
- Lorraine White
- Jim White
- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- Brian Tobin
- Jordan Cook
- Susan McNaughton
- George Roberts
- Bob Skojec
- Myrna Jubb
- Pustay Family
- Charles Schovain

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