



Laurel Presbyterian Church

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Our Weekly Announcements

August 23, 2026

Flowers:

The flowers this day are given by Laurel Love to the glory of God and in honor of Linda Maddy who celebrated a birthday yesterday.

Happening Today and This Week:

Our Vision Task Force Meets Today: Even though it is August and we are resting, our VTF is meeting today after worship in the Parlor. Ann Whitby is our chair.

On Tuesday, Lunch Bunch Gathers: You are invited to join us for lunch at Perla Restaurant at 11:30 am. Perla's is located at 10246 Staples Mill Rd in the Cross Ridge Shopping Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board. See Mary Searce or Margaret Fitch to also add your name.

On Thursday, Lamb's Basket: We volunteer once a month now for Lamb's Basket. This Thursday is our day from 9am to Noon. The Lamb's Basket is located at 8419 Oakview Ave, Henrico, VA. Linda Maddy is our point person.

Next Sunday, Sunday School Meets: Join us for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. Thomas Miller is leading us in a study of James. Please come and bring a neighbor :).

Session Meets Next Sunday: Our Session will meet next Sunday after worship in the Parlor.

Other Things to Know:

Gracie had a Great Camp Hanover Experience Thanks to YOU: You can read all about it on the bulletin board. She wrote us a lovely note along with her grandmother, Margaret Fitch. Check out what she did at Camp and her gratitude for this experience.

Beloved will resume in September: Beloved is enjoying a summer break. We will be back together **the second week** of September. **This is a change.** Given your responses on the newsprint, here is what we will be doing:

Beloved at 1 pm will continue with the same structure as in the past. We are in the middle of reading Kate Bowler's book, *Joy Anyway*.

Beloved at 3 pm will be different. This group will try knitting for a community benefit and praying using our weekly list. We will follow a structure so that there is ample time to learn to knit and to offer prayers on behalf of the people of God.

Contemplative Spirituality Group: Look for a contemplative spirituality group to be formed in Advent that will use "No Ordinary Love" and St. Ignaius, the Daily Examen, to deepen our awareness and rapport with God.

Seeking Sunday School Ideas: Have thoughts about SS and what you would like to see happen here? Drop a note in the envelop hanging up on the hall bulletin board by the calendar.

Our Prayer List is Getting an Update: Starting in September, our prayer list will be divided into three sections: **Members, Family and Friends, and the World.** When you submit a prayer request, please indicate which category it should be listed under. You can also ask that we pray for a grace for that person. Look to find an envelope on the bulletin board for you to submit your prayer requests or you can email them to Dr. Ann. The list is beginning again in September. If you have a request that you would like continued please re-submit.

Church Volunteer Help Needed: As we come back to our rested selves in the fall we are looking for help with the following pieces of our ministry: A point person to direct people to where help is needed, delivery of our Laurel Love gifts, lawn and property care, office filing, keeping the yearlong church calendar, webmaster and bookkeeper. Please reach out to Jill Day or Dr. Ann if any of this interests you.

Summer Sabbath: You are invited into holy rest to allow God to reboot and refresh you. This is a guilt free sabbath. Allow yourself to embrace the heat, a good nap and that book you have been wanting to read :)

Chasing Wonder: Included this week, you will find *Chasing Wonder: Photo Bingo Challenge*. This is an opportunity for you to slow down and spot what God is up to in creation. Try to arrive at Bingo by your strategic pictures or if you are really game, take a picture of all the squares. Go wild. Take your phone on walks or point it out your window. Have fun:). Post your fav pictures on our bulletin board for bonus points.

Choir on August Sabbath: Our choir pauses in August as they do every year.

Flowers: We have open dates. Just sign-up on the flower chart or email Janice Berger with your “hold the date” request.

Hymn Fav’s: Today’s hymns are brought to you by Jill Day, Linda Maddy and Mary Scearce. Do you have a favorite? Just pass it on to James or Dr. Ann.

Appointments with Dr. Ann: Just a reminder to reach out to Dr. Ann for coffee or conversation directly. She would love to see you.

Our Weekly Announcements: The most efficient way to make sure everyone knows what is happening in Laurel or opportunities in our community, is to send your in writing to announcement to Dr. Ann by Wednesday of the upcoming Sunday you would like it included. You can send your announcement by text or email. Include what it is, when it is, where it is, and what time it is :

Friendship Pads: Old and new friends, please let us know you are here. Providing us with a (cell) phone or email contact helps us keep you in the loop. This is also how we report our attendance to the national church :)

Please also note any updated address changes or additions :) Thank you.

We Want You Comfortable: You are invited to move (or not) as the spirit moves you. The coffee/cocoa bar is in the Narthex. Self-serve at any time. Restrooms are down the hallway.

Shepherd of the Month: Our August Shepherd of the Month is Carolyn Stinger. You can reach Carolyn at (804) 755-7150. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

Key Giving Opportunities:

Family G: We raised \$515 for Family G back to school clothes! And 3 bookbags were stuffed to the brim with school supplies. WOW! Thank you for your outpouring of love. The family is overjoyed!

Charleigh Love: We are still collecting gifts for Charleigh (granddaughter of the Jones) while she is being aggressively treated for cancer. She is 7 and likes Campbell’s Princess Soup, any arts and crafts, or things that she can enjoy while not feeling well. We don’t want to leave her sister Ryleigh out. Ryliegh is 12 and **a gift card to Chipotle or Starbucks would tickle her.** You can place your gifts in the second blue wagon in the hallway. Our goal is to provide a dropping of love every few weeks or so when Charleigh goes into Children’s for her 5-day chemo treatment :)

Tithes and Our Offerings: Thank you for your Love!

We have placed a small, white, church house on the table outside and invite you to leave your gifts to support God's work as you depart. There are two other ways to give: You can mail in your offering using our post office address at P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280. Or you can make a safe online donation by using our QR code (by opening your camera and focusing on the code) found below, on our bulletin, or through our website.

However you choose to support Laurel, we appreciate your faithfulness.

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"You are precious in my sight and honored and oh so loved." Isaiah 43:4