

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOFT BUT STILL GRAND RE-OPENING, SEPTEMBER 12!

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP, September 12. We are on track for a “Soft But Still Grand Re-Opening” for in-person Sanctuary worship on September 12. This service, and future in-person services, will also be broadcast live via Facebook (see below for information on accessing the service online). Please be advised we will be offering creative alternatives to congregational singing, since we have been advised by experts that it is not safe to sing indoors, even masked and fully vaccinated.

IN-PERSON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING RETURNS, Sunday September 12. Parents of Children and Youth: Christa has sent a separate email regarding your interest in having your child/children participate in either Sunday Studio (ages five through 5th grade) or Youth Group (grades 6 - 12). Your timely response will help in our planning as we re-open in-person ministry in the church building.

8:30am EARLY SERVICE CONTINUES OUTSIDE through September (at least) at Morgan’s Grove Park Pavilion. For those wishing to worship in person but still feeling anxious about gathering indoors, this outdoor worship experience offers that option. Please note, we **will** be continuing congregational singing at this service.

TEACH THE PREACHER RETURNS, Tuesday, September 7, 7pm via Zoom. Join Pastor Gusti for reflections on the Lesson for the following Sunday’s Service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need wise adults (parents and non-parents alike) to teach Sunday Studio. You may teach a couple of times or regularly, according to your preference. Volunteers with children and youth **MUST** be vaccinated and wear masks at all times. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Christa Mastrangelo Joyce at jalayoga.christa@gmail.com

MASKING REQUIRED in the building, per CDC guidelines. With regret, the SPC Session now requires masking for ALL individuals and groups entering the building. We will continue to monitor CDC guidance as it applies to Jefferson County and communicate accordingly.

TO LINK TO THE SPC VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE and other live events go to our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spcworks> and wait for the “live stream” box to appear each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. For more information and worship materials, see [Meeting House Live!](#) on our website. All are welcome to attend. A Facebook account is not required to access this service of worship.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY MEAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH We are once again back to serving "to-go" Community Meal in an effort to keep everyone safe. Sign-up (PerfectPotluck.com) Select Coordinator "Wright" & Password "5777". Questions? Please contact Bert Wright at bedwright@gmail.com/717-965-3417 OR Adam Ware at adam.ware.3@gmail.com/304-416-1023.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH HYMN SING from 4:00-5:00 PM at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring your hymnals if you have them; if not, Terry has extras. Bring something to sit on, water to drink and your friends and family - this hymn sing is open to the community.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, September 11, 4pm, Morgan's Grove Park. Honoring the 20th year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we will gather in prayer for the peace that passes understanding. Participants will be invited to share remembrances. Accompaniment and Special Music offered by Bob Sykes.

ANTIETAM REMEMBRANCE: TIE A YELLOW RIBBON, Sept 12 - 19. Beginning as worship concludes on Sunday, September 12 and continuing through the end of worship on Sunday, September 19, members and friends of SPC are invited to place a yellow ribbon along the fence of the church building in memory of the bloodiest day in American history. During the week, please locate ribbons on a table under the portico. A formal litany of remembrance will take place in worship on Sunday, September 29.

LISTENING GROUP meets Wednesday, September 15, from 10–11 a.m., on the Portico (weather permitting). This is a time of prayerful listening and reflecting in community. The reading for September is "*The Road Not Taken*" by Robert Frost, one of his most famous, yet misunderstood, poems. All are welcome! No experience necessary! Please bring a mask in case we need to go inside.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY SEMINAR SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 via Zoom! In our continuing explorations of race and racial justice, we have chosen *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love* by Valarie Kaur for our next reading. Valarie Kaur is a renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer. In this book she declares revolutionary love is the call of our times, a radical, joyful practice that extends to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It asks us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: *You are a part of me I do not yet know*. If you would like to purchase the book at the 4 Seasons bookstore, they are available September 2, a 15% discount is offered if you mention SPC.

Please join us for a discussion of Chapter 1 at 9:30 AM on September 19.