



# Pantops Beacon

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## Mark your Calendar!

### Kids Summer Music Camp

*"O Chicken of Little Faith"*

July 7-11

Join us for the musical tonight at 6:30  
at Belmont Baptist!

### Church Council Meeting

Sunday, July 13, 12:15

### July Cookout and Town Hall

Wednesday, July 16, 6:00 PM

Bring your favorite dishes to share. The church will provide burgers and dogs. After our cookout fellowship, we will share in a time of updates and discussions about PCC.

### Chapman Grove Baptist Family and Friends Day

Sunday, July 20

12:30 lunch

3:00 service

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 27, 12:00

### Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 13, 6:00

### Camp Young at Heart

August 25-27, 10:00-2:00

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

We've made a few changes to the schedule this year. We'll begin with worship at 10:00 AM and have two class periods instead of our previous three. Registration packets were emailed a few weeks ago, and are available at pantopsc.org.

## School Supplies for Wilton Farm

As we have done for at least fifteen years, we will be providing school supplies for the children living at Wilton Farm. A list of supplies has not been posted yet, but presumably they will need the usual assortment of marble composition notebooks, two pocket folders, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, 3X5 index cards, markers, etc. A collection bin will be in the sanctuary hallway for your contributions. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



\* Gifts were given in memory of *Marge Taylor* by Bobbie Brown, Mary Beth Moehl, Frank and Margarete Rice, and Bob and Edie Wheeler.

\* Gifts were given in memory of *Kim Murdock and Marge Taylor* by Kathy Beale, Phyllis Tignor, and the Dorcas Class.

## Attendance on July 6, 2025

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Worship - 52 | Sunday School - 31 |
| Budget       | \$ 6,796.00        |
| Other        | \$ 1,954.00        |

## Financial Summary as of June 30, 2025

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Budget to Date          | \$ 122,502.00 |
| Actual Expenses to Date | \$ 112,241.00 |
| Actual Giving to Date   | \$ 107,763.00 |
| Current Deficit         | \$ 4,479.00   |

*Loose plate offerings are designated for budgeted expenses. Thank you for your faithful financial support of Pantops.*

# *From the Associate Pastor*



We spent eight years in Texas prior to moving to Charlottesville. We drove into the Hill Country west of Austin many times to see the fields of gorgeous wildflowers blooming in the spring. We camped with our children along the Guadalupe River. It is a beautiful part of Texas, but this past week, it was a deadly part of Texas. It's hard to watch the news coverage of this catastrophe because to imagine what these individuals faced, whether they survived or not, is horrifying. As I scrolled through some of the comments on social media, it has saddened me to see statements like, "God's plan is so hard to understand" or "We don't always understand God's ways, but we know His heart. His ways are better than ours. Someday we will understand better." There is no doubt in my heart or mind that this was not a disaster of God's making. This was not the doing of a God who wanted to punish anyone or teach anyone a lesson or had some higher purpose. This was a disaster caused by too much rain falling in too short a time on land that was baked hard from drought. On a planet that is warming up, scientists tell us this will happen more often. Perhaps there are lessons to be learned on warning systems and how and where to build. There will be a time for those conversations. Now is the time for grieving for lives lost and lives forever changed. And that is where we find God. God who walks with us. God who sustains and gives us the strength and courage to take the next breath. God who tells us "I will never leave you or forsake you." Those are the building blocks of a faith that will get us through the hard times whenever and wherever they occur, a foundation upon which to build our lives.

Journeying with you,  
Margarete

## **Christian Concerns**

Paul Chernauskas, Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Pete Hildebrand, Carol Hood, Susan Marinan,  
Greg McDuffie, Cal Morris, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole,  
Marilyn Randels, Joseph Sesay

### *Pantops Beacon*

Pantops Community Church  
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## **Sunday, July 13, 2025**

**Sermon Title:** "Never Stop Short of Justice"

Rev. Matt Roberts

**Text:** Esther 8:1-8; 10:1-3

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and Online  
at 11:00 AM

July 9, 2025