

# Pantops Beacon

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### Mark your Calendar!

#### Outdoor Worship, Picnic and Concert

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 AM

#### **WEF Activities**

Wednesday, September 10
WEF Meal, 5:45 PM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Our Fall Bible Study will be based on the Henri
Nouwen book, "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

#### **Hymn Sing at Linden House**

Tuesday, September 16 2:00 PM

#### **Kingdom Kids Create**

Wednesday, September 17 5:45 PM

#### **Messy Church**

Sunday, September 28, 3:00-4:30 PM

#### Together on Tuesdays

Tuesday, September 30, 12:00 PM

#### **Pantops Community Celebration**

Sunday, October 5, 3:00-6:00 PM

#### Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM



## <u>September</u>

16th - Matt Roberts 22nd - Josh Rugumayo 23rd - Marshall Thompson 28th - Megan Rinald The Church Office will be closed on Friday, August 29 and Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.



#### **Outdoor Worship Sunday**

Make plans to join us on Sunday, September 7 for a special worship experience. We will gather in the parking lot to worship followed by a church-wide picnic. The meal will be catered but we need desserts donated to share. The 'Jam Band' will provide a sing-a-long style concert after lunch. (Rain or shine!)

# Deacons of the Month for September

Mary Beth Moehl and Cal Morris

#### Attendance on August 24, 2025

Worship - 34 Sunday School - 27

Messy Church - 17

Budget \$ 5,371.00 Other \$ 25.00

# Financial Summary as of July 31, 2025

Budget to Date \$ 142,919.00 Actual Expenses to Date \$ 124,972.00 Actual Giving to Date \$ 124,132.00 Current Deficit \$ 3,840.00

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

Though I'm most certain that Margarete will share her reflections on Messy Church, it is my week to write the Beacon article, so I get to take the first crack at it! But rather than talk about what happened during the gathering, I want to highlight what I saw and you may not have. Bringing Messy Church to Pantops has been a months-long process that began when Tom and Margarete first had their curiosity peaked while walking through England. Since Margarete got back from the trip, she has spent time researching, strategizing, and planning to create this new community in Charlottesville. In her heart is a desire to make people welcome, especially people who have never felt welcome in church or have run from the church in pain. To craft that kind of space takes great care and intention. It doesn't happen by accident. It requires thinking through each station, each song, each scripture passage. It requires consideration of volume levels, communication styles, lighting, seating, wording and messages that go beyond words. And Margarete has pursued it all in an effort to help bring God and God's kingdom to Charlottesville. I am most grateful!

What happened at the first Messy Church is so reflective of Margarete, of the whole church staff, and especially of who PCC strives to be. As we continue, may we each be bold and attentive enough to set ourselves aside and do the work of creating safe and welcoming spaces for others. Maybe for you that space is needed at home, at school, at work. It could be needed anywhere and everywhere because life is always messy and people always need love. Pursue others with the same sacrificial passion by which God pursues you!

In Christ, Matt Roberts

#### **Christian Concerns**

Paul Chernauskas, Shirley Daniels, Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie, Cal Morris, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels, Joseph Sesay, Jean Travis

#### Pantops Beacon

Pantops Community Church 1525 Stony Point Road Charlottesville, VA 22911

### Sunday, August 31, 2025

**Sermon Title:** "Jesus Loves You like the Song Says"

Rev. Matt Roberts

**Text:** John 3:16-21

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6
	AA Meeting 7:00	AA Meeting 7:30				AA Meeting 7:00
7 COMMUNION Sunday School 9:45 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Picnic and Concert 12:00	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Embroidery Guild 11:00	10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Choir 5:00 Wednesday Night Meal 5:45	11 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	12 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	13
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14 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00	AA Meeting 7:00	Hymn Sing at Linden House 2:00  AA Meeting 7:30	Choir 5:00 Kingdom KIDS Create 5:45 Bible Study 6:00	18 Art and Soul 1:00	19	AA Meeting 7:00
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