

Our Week at a Glance – September 15, 2024

The flowers are placed today by Dan & Valery Stewart, in loving memory of dearly departed family.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

- Mon. Sept. 16** Shop Donations, 9-2
Youth Worship Band – office, 6:30
- Tues. Sept. 17** Council – MRR, 4:00
- Wed. Sept. 18** Shop Donations, 9-2
Counters – Library, 10:15
Bible Study – MRR, 11:00
Mat Group/Crafty Ladies – SH, 1:00
- Thurs. Sept. 19** Shop Open, 12-6
Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00
- Fri. Sept. 20** Thrift Shop Book Sale set-up – SH, 9-2
- Sat. Sept. 21** Shop Open, 10-2
Thrift Shop Book Sale – SH, 10-2

Coffee Sign-up Sheet: There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for coffee after worship for the summer months. Anyone interested in volunteering for fellowship coffee is welcome to sign their names to the schedule.

From the Thrift Shop: The Thrift Shop is having a **Kids Book Sale** on Saturday September 21st, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Same hours as the Shop is open). We are hoping to attract parents and teachers who want to set up their own in class room libraries. \$4 per red Metro bag. Pass the word.

Volunteers for the Thrift Shop: Seeking More Saturday Thrift Shop Volunteers. No experience necessary. Please contact Marilyn Lloyd, 613 649-2358. (Other days are also available.)

Sunday October 6 Anniversary Service: This is our anniversary service, with communion. There is a luncheon after service! Sign up sheets for sandwiches, squares, etc. will be on the table in the Narthex.

Upper Rooms: The September/October Upper Rooms have arrived, and are in the Office. Upper Rooms are \$2.00 each.

Realm Message, September 3, 2024: Report from TSA Council

Council met with the Transforming Journey Team on August 27. The Team shared what they have learned so far as they look at what TSA will be facing over the next five years. These are challenging times that are affecting every church in North America. They have spoken with several agencies and organizations that look at redevelopment and rejuvenation programs for churches. They have also spoken to several churches who have gone through such a process. They have looked at our congregational finances and demographics to get a sense of our health and sustainability. They see we are in a good place right now, but the coming years will present a challenge for us. Our building is an important asset that will factor into our decision making. They have not formulated specific proposals at this time as to how we might best face those challenges. They will be presenting their recommendations to the Council in October. These recommendations will be shared with the congregation and your input will be sought over the coming months as we discern the best way for us to move forward as a healthy community of faith into our future. Our primary goal is to preserve the congregation in the long run by focusing on our goals of nurturing the spiritual health of the congregation and our outreach ministries to the community.

With thanks, Rev. James Murray