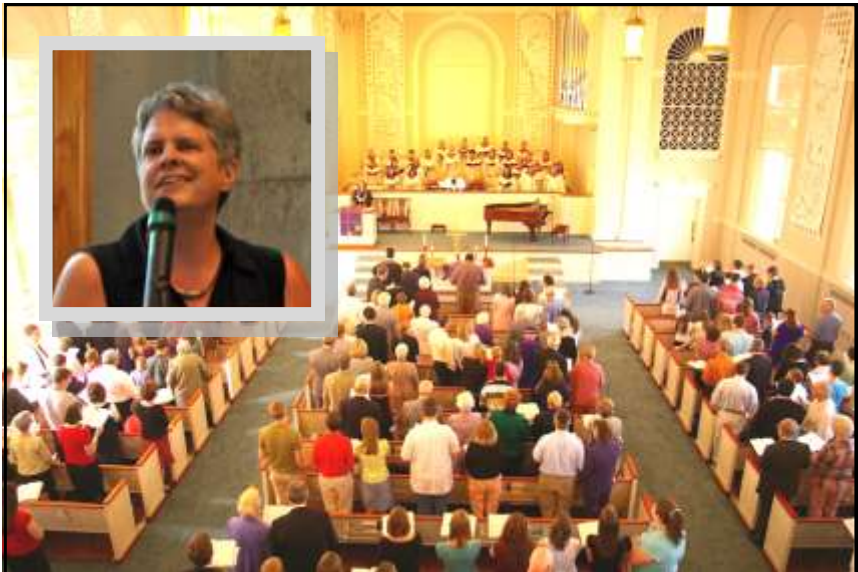


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Wednesday Night Bible Study  
We Sing What We Believe!  
Congregational Songs of Our Times  
*Lead by Sally Ann Morris*  
September 19, 26, & October 10

Sally Ann Morris, prolific hymn tune and anthem composer, worship leader, and Musician-in-Residence at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, will be presenting for our 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Studies on September 19, 26, and October 10. Her presentation will address why we make music as a congregation and what purposes it serves in worship; where our congregational songs come from culturally, historically, and geographically; and why these are all important considerations for singing church communities like College Park in the 21st century.

All College Parkers are encouraged to come!  
**Children's choir will end at 6:25 pm on these nights**  
in order to allow them to attend.

*September Events:*

- Weekly:
  - Mondays—Thursdays  
12 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Chapel
  - Mondays  
6 pm Zumba Class, Fellowship Hall  
6 pm Ultimate Frisbee, Lake Daniel Park
  - Tuesdays  
6 pm Zumba Class, Chapel
  - Wednesdays  
5:30 pm Dinner, FH  
6:30 pm *Special Programming*  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
  - Thursdays  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel
  - Fridays  
12 pm AI-Anon, Fellowship Hall  
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  - Wednesday, September 5  
6:30 pm—NYC Youth Mission Trip  
Presentation, Chapel
  - Sunday, September 9  
10 am—Sunday School Begins  
12 pm—Business Meeting, Sanctuary  
6 pm—Youth Activities Begin
  - Wednesday, September 12  
6:30 pm—Trivia with Matt Cravey, FH
  - Sunday, September 16—3rd Sunday (GUM)  
After 11 am Service—Refreshments in Chapel  
3 pm—Moms Demand Action, Chapel
  - Tuesday, September 18  
7:30 pm PFLAG, Chapel
  - Wednesday, September 19  
6:30 pm—Bible Study, Chapel
  - Thursday, September 20  
11:30 am—Forever 39, K&W
  - Sunday, September 23  
6 pm—Concert, CP Backyard
  - Wednesday, September 26  
6:30 pm—Bible Study, Chapel
  - Wednesday, October 3  
6:30 pm—Adult Choir Trip to NYC Report

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## TOO TIRED TO PERSIST

1 Kings 19.1-11

It is a time of violence and greed. Resources stockpile in the hands of the rich, while the poor struggle in education systems without adequate funding, and job markets without livable wages. Monetary gain is prioritized over the wellbeing of the land, and this land that is plundered is stolen indigenous land to begin with. Political corruption is as common as mass killings. A quick finger on the pulse of the people, and no one feels safe.

It is a time of national hubris, a time of us versus them, a time of military obsession. The empire keeps dividing people along notions of racial and religious purity, and entire families are separated at the border. In fact, the very leader of the nation is known for his racist remarks and sexual harassments against women. It is a time where the wicked prosper and prey on the innocent.

**Now, of course I'm talking about Ancient Israel during the 8th century BC. Israel is bleeding under the heavy hands of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. Ahab and Jezebel have killed off whole droves of Yahweh's priests and prophets, all while robbing the poor and decorating the palace.**

The prophet Elijah dedicates himself to a life of activism. He condemns the greed and corruption of **Israel's political leaders and false prophets. He stands on the side of the poor. He defends the innocent and the**

widow and orphan.

In turn, Ahab and Jezebel immediately vow to kill him. So Elijah, flees to the desert and collapses in a small patch of shade under a tree. His muscles ache, his clothes are sweaty and stick to his skin, and he can feel the tiredness all the way in his bones. His eyes are heavy. His **heart is heavy. He cries out to God, "I have had enough!"** And so right there in that desert, far away from any city, Elijah collapses into a deep sleep.

**Now some of y'all know what this kind of exhaustion** feels like. Any of you who were on the youth service trip this past week, I know you know what this kind of exhaustion feels like.

Up to this point in the story, the prophet Elijah has persisted over and over against evil. I am reminded of the heroes today who persist despite political leaders who try to shut them up.

In February of last year, Senator Elizabeth Warren opposed the attorney general nominee Jeff Sessions by reading a prophetic letter from Coretta Scott King. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell attempted to shut her up: **"Senator Warren was giving a lengthy speech... She had appeared to violate the rule. She was warned. She was given an explanation. Nevertheless, she persisted."**

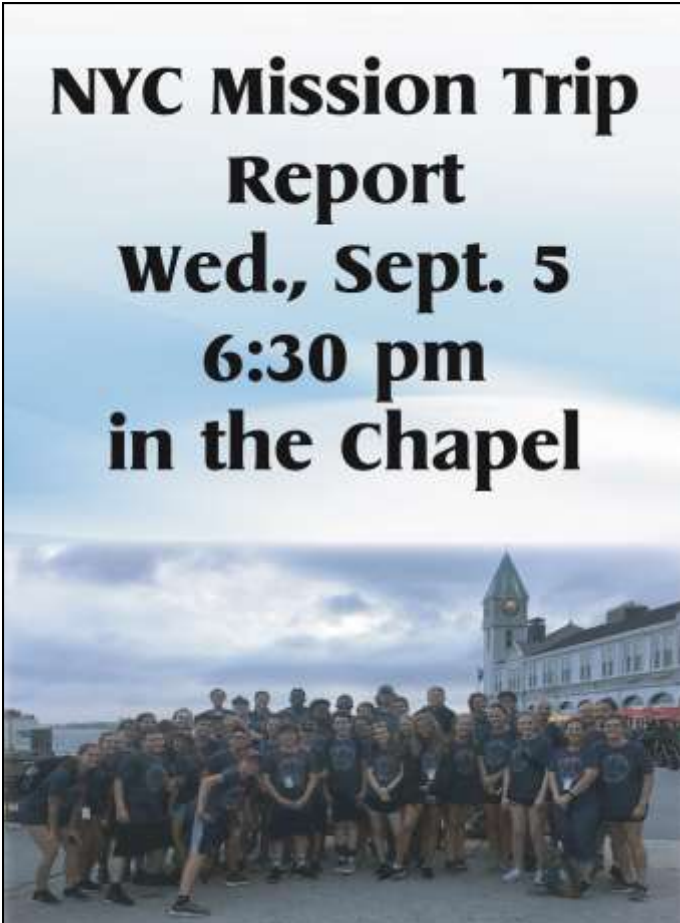
This message backfired, of course. Now many of us claim those same words proudly as a rallying cry in support of the women who resist and stand up for justice. **"Nevertheless, she persisted."**

But what do you do when you are *too tired* to persist?

When it becomes too draining to stand up to every racist remark and sexist microaggression you hear at work or at the grocery store or on the news? When it becomes too traumatizing to keep seeing all the unarmed black and brown and trans\* bodies vilified and bloodied in the media? When it becomes too exhausting to keep **standing up to your family's prejudice, or to keep loving those who hate your family?** What do you do when you see no positive changes? When you lose all faith that **God's children will ever learn to treat each other with love, and not hate?** What do you do when you are too tired to persist?

We know the importance of the golden rule, of be golden to others and ourselves. The question I am asking, is what do you do when you are too tired, too beaten up, too hurt to give a damn? This is the question that Elijah finds himself in. With great candor, Elijah cries to God, **or maybe his voice is a just a whimper: "Enough of this, God. Take my life."**

It is not just Elijah who sits whimpering to God. It is the teacher tired of fighting for resources for her students. It is the counselor tired of being bogged down in protocols and paperwork. It is the nurse tired of caring so gently for people just to see them die and be replaced with another sick patient another sick patient another sick patient. It is the sleep-deprived caregiver of an elderly parent or spouse or young children. It is the social worker, the police officer, the activist, the parent, the student, everyone who is tired of trying to do good in a



world that does not love them. Or, perhaps it is the church deacons, those who have most dangerous job of them all. :)

There are too many work hours, too much paperwork, too little sleep, too little time for family, too little time outside, too much racism, too much anti-queer and anti-women policies, too much debt, too much hate--and some of us are too tired to keep showing up to rallies, calling out the microaggressions, educating people about privilege, fighting to change the system. Too tired to persist.

A recent study in 2018<sup>[1]</sup> revealed that the burnout rate for emergency physicians has risen to 59%. That is over half of our doctors who are burned out. I could run through the list of professions and burnout rates. The point is, some of us are stuck in burnout right now, and so this sermon is for you.

But when I look at Elijah, I see something a little more insidious than burnout. I see trauma. There is the kind of trauma where your own body and life are threatened with death; Elijah has certainly experienced that. But he has also experienced the trauma of seeing other lives threatened, the trauma of witnessing death and violence, known as vicarious or secondary trauma. This can sometimes show up in our lives as *compassion fatigue*.

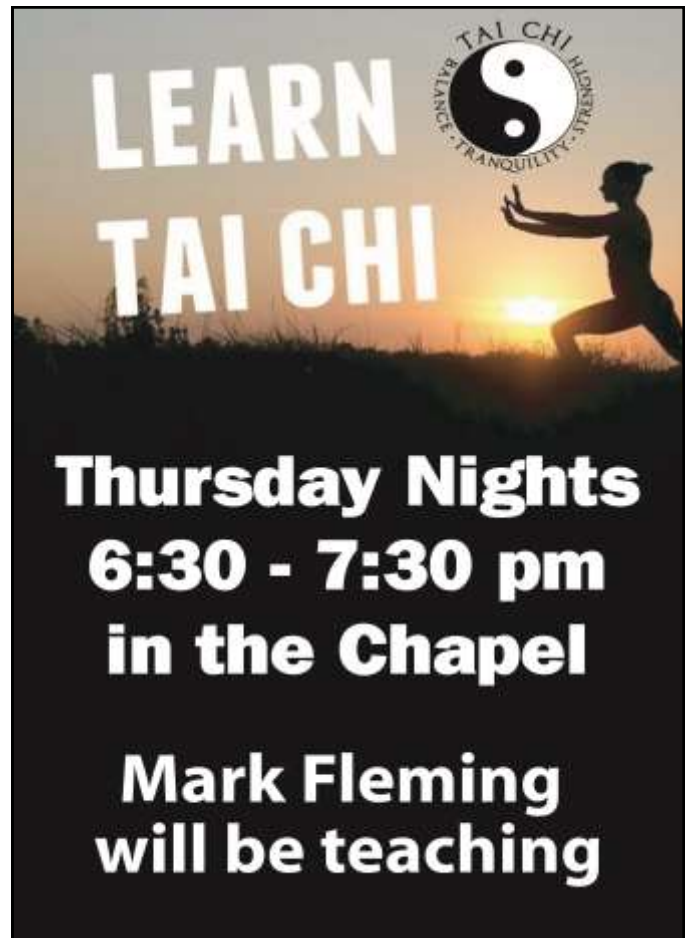
I learned about compassion fatigue when working with healthcare workers who see trauma and death every day. But in this social media smartphone age, all of us can see trauma and death in self-**recorded videos everyday...** another school shooting, another unarmed black person dead in the streets, another trans person beaten up or **killed, another... another...another... It can pile up in our bodies like trauma.**

**We start to feel unfulfilled at work. We're not** connecting or caring like we used to. We are irritable and snap at our kids, at our parents. We never feel rested. We feel hypersensitive to images on our Facebooks. We feel powerless to make a difference. We have not felt like ourselves in a long time.

Compassion fatigue. One of my professors at Emory, Dr. Teresa Fry-Brown, expands this to include *justice fatigue*: the trauma that comes from endlessly fighting for justice and system-change in a world that does not love you.

I name all of these dynamics--burnout, secondary trauma, compassion and justice fatigue. But I am less concerned with diagnosing ourselves. Rather, I am **concerned with what God's picture of restoration is. What might we learn about ourselves from Elijah's compassion and justice fatigue? What might Yahweh's words to Elijah teach us about our own invitation to holy restoration?**

The first thing that Yahweh lets Elijah do is sleep. This is the sleep of utter exhaustion, the sleep of giving up. Then an angel wakes him up, gives him fresh bread and water, and lets him sleep again, perhaps this time inviting Elijah to a more intentional kind of sleep and **rest. Here's our first lesson: if you need that kind of sleep, then God invites you to it. But you don't have to let**



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Thursday Nights  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
in the Chapel

Mark Fleming  
will be teaching

yourself get to that point of exhaustion.

Then the angel beckons Elijah to journey into the desert. In other words, it is time for retreat, for Sabbath. It is time to leave the demands of the city and the people. It is time to be alone in nature with your God.

Mother Teresa once wrote that she required her nuns to take a yearlong break away from their duties every four to five years. A yearlong sabbatical, so that they can heal their own wounds and rest from the demands of care-giving and justice work.

This is a hard commitment to deep restoration. Not binging on Netflix and ice-cream on the couch at night. That is *distraction*. If I ask you what you do for self-care, and you say TV or pizza, then that is not self-care. That is *distraction*. Distraction is good, but there is a difference between practices that distract you from your exhaustion **and practices that restore your energy. What I'm talking** about here is deep restoration.

But we know this sermon, right? How studies show the positive effects of prayer and meditation, how consistent walks outside decrease anxiety and depression, buzz word: resilience. We know this sermon, even if we suck at **doing the work, so I'll just sum it up: drink your water, walk outside, take your meds, call your mama, go to bed** at night.

These truths of self-care not just from BuzzFeed; they are here in our Scripture. So quit telling yourself you **don't have time or it's selfish or self-indulgent**. It

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*Too Tired to Persist, continued from pg. 2*

is a divine mandate to care for yourself.

And so Elijah journeys 40 days deep into the desert, the *midbar*. Just like Moses, like Hagar, like Jesus one day, Elijah leaves the noise of the city and journeys into the desert. The desert is an open and ownership space. It is the opposite of the busy Empire. The Rabbis say in a **midrash that “anyone who does not make himself [or herself] ownerless, like the desert, cannot acquire Torah,” God’s word.**

**I don’t know what your desert is, your open and ownerless space, your space that takes you away from the calendars, duties, and expectations. Maybe it is a back porch, or a lake, or a patch of woods, or an herb garden-- wherever it is, you are called by God into the peace of wild things.**

**My dad works as a prison chaplain, and he’s always getting cussed out or put on probation for advocating for the inmates. His open and ownerless space? Fishing in his boat. He will go for hours and hours to a still pond, fishing and talking with his God.**

Me on the other hand, I once told my chaplain supervisor after some hard days and sleepless nights, **“My problem is a care too much.” She immediately clapped back, “No. Your problem is you have terrible boundaries.”**

You are called to step away from your work, to rest in open and ownerless spaces, and let God restore your energy and refocus your conscious.

Elijah retreats to a small cave in the desert, and God speaks--not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire--God comes in the still, small voice. My favorite **translation says, “God speaks in the sound of sheer silence.”**

How many of us are desperate for a word from God? **But we don’t turn off the TV or leave the city. God** is always speaking, but sometimes we can only hear it when we leave the noise and find an open and ownerless space.

**God speaks! And Elijah recites the same speech: “God, I have had enough. I am alone in this fight and they want to kill me.”**

**God answers, and I paraphrase, “Then quit trying to do it all by yourself! There are seven thousand other people in Israel who bow to me and not to the current leaders. This doesn’t all rest on you! Anoint new leaders! Anoint a disciple, Elisha, to come and do this hard work with you.”**

For me, this is the hidden gem in the scripture. There are two ways to stand for justice. One way is to go full-out warrior-mode against the tyrants and evil systems. It is exactly what Elijah has been doing. But it is not enough *to curse evil.*

You are also called to bless. Elijah sees himself as **the savior, the prophet. God’s response? Quit being the sole caregiver of Israel! I have not called you to that burden! It is time to cultivate some networks of care for both Israel and yourself.**

God offers Elijah a new model for his justice work and his compassion. You do not have to be the weeping, lonely prophet. Bless new leaders, anoint new disciples, take young people with you, teach them, and they will restore your energy. Share the burdens of this hard work, and do not simply curse evil when you see it.

Look for the good that is blooming all around you. Bless it! New leaders, new disciples are blossoming around you. Bless them! Speak words of hope, words of restoration. That too is the compassion and justice the world needs. Michael has said it himself **in a sermon here before, “Your job is to bless.”**

As I wrap up, I offer this blessing to those of you who feel too tired to keep loving those who hate you, too tired to keep showing up for the good:

Listen to the truths from our Scripture, restated as a blessing over you:

- You are worth being cared for.
- Your self-care is not selfish or self-indulgent.
- Your body is worth some extra compassion.
- The open and ownerless spaces of nature are calling you, spaces that can restore your hope and your energy.
- You are not alone.
- You are called to enter *networks* of care in your work for justice and compassion.
- As a church, we have already committed to you.
- Remember that you belong to us, and we will stand with you.

The Creator is speaking words of blessing over your body, over your mind. And in turn, the Creator calls you to speak words of blessing in this world; to disciple new prophets; to bless new leaders.

Amen.

Benediction:

Bayard Rustin, a gay, black leader in the black rights movement, who taught MLK, Jr. much about nonviolent resistance, said, **“We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers.” For his part, the prophet Elijah was known by his enemies as “the troubler of Israel.”**

So go and be angelic troublemakers. Find your open and ownerless spaces of restoration. Hear God speaking in the silence. And in your struggle for justice and compassion, speak words of blessing.

Amen.

Keith Menhinick  
29 July 2018

## Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 pm	Dinner
6:00—7:00 pm	<b>Kid’s Choirs (Pre-K and Grades 1-5)</b>
6:30—7:30 pm	Bible Study
7:30—9:00 pm	Adult Choir

## Backpack Blessings

Today we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by students, teachers, and administrators gathered here.

These student backpacks will contain work to be done, work to be returned, and permission slips that will be lost in the bottom for weeks. Our teachers will carry papers to be graded, student data, kitchen ingredients for a special science experiment, snacks for the kid who is always hungry.



Whether these backpacks are full or empty, we know they represent the very important work of school, of learning, of kindness and compassion, of courage.

Please join me in a prayer of blessing at this time.

God of new beginnings, we lift to you today these students and teachers.

We ask your blessing on each of them for the school year ahead. May each be a bearer of love and light wherever they go.

We ask your blessings on these backpacks. As they travel to and from school and sporting events and practice and clubs and meetings and ACES, may our teachers and students be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

And we ask your blessing on each student, classmate, volunteer, coworker, and school employee that these will come into contact with this year. May our teachers and students see your image in the people they encounter, may they listen to your voice when they need to act, and may they act with holy courage and kindness in difficult times. Amen.

Kari Baumann  
26 August 2018

### Wednesday Night Programming September

- 5: Youth Mission trip report NYC
  - 12: Trivia with Most Rad Matt Cravey
  - 19: Bible Study with Sally Ann Morris
  - 26: Bible Study with Sally Ann Morris
- ### October
- 3: Adult choir trip to NYC report
  - 10: Bible Study with Sally Ann Morris
  - 17: NC State Constitutional Amendment panel discussion
  - 24: All church Halloween party.
  - 31: Halloween! No church activities: be safe at home

## Casserole Committee



College Park Casserole Committee needs new team members! We deliver food (homemade or picked up at a favorite place) to folks in need—with a new baby at home, or after surgery, or for any reason that makes nourishment hard to accomplish alone.

Signups are sent to your email via Sign-Up Genius, and you choose a date that works for you. All the details (food preferences, address, phone, best times, favorite carry-outs) come in the email. Contact me with any questions you have or simply to be put on the team list.

Lexi Eagles 336-314-8295 or [lexieagles96@gmail.com](mailto:lexieagles96@gmail.com).



## Connections

Are you a college student or recently graduated student living away from home? Are you a family with a heart for young people? If so, Connections is the ministry for you.

Connections is a recent College Park ministry that hopes to connect college students/early young adults with families in the hopes of building nurturing relationships. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, as a student or family, please signup in the hallway outside the Chapel.

## Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!



Our College Park Nursery is growing! There are many ways we can help welcome these sweet newborns to the world and to our church family. Here is one suggestion: diapers, wipes and gift cards are always helpful in those first few months. Below is a list of families who have recently welcomed a little one or will welcome a new baby soon. We have included addresses and registry information if known.

Mike & Wendy Ferris are grandparents. Their daughter Sarah Brown had baby girl Cora Parker Brown on June 13th, **Mike & Wendy's address: 2903 Wynnewood Dr., Greensboro 27408.**

Christian & Chrissy McIvor welcomed River Grace, born June 21st. Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr., Greensboro 27407

Tisha Douglas & Courtnee Hummel are expecting a baby.

# WOMEN OF VALOR

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 7:00 pm**  
**at Lisa Elkins' House**  
**Please bring snacks to share.**

**PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS**

**BOOKS 101**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**  
**ROOM 305**

**FALL, 2018**  
**THE CLASS**  
**WILL BE STUDYING**  
**THE BOOK OF ROMANS**

# Mostly Men's Book Club

## New Book

**KURT VONNEGUT**

**Next Meeting**  
**Sept. 25, 2018, 6:30 pm**  
**at Sticks & Stones**

# God in Books

## New Book Study

**Sundays, 10 am**  
**Room 303**

## Join us for Sunday School!

10:00 - 10:45 am  
Beginning Sunday, September 9

### Children's Classes:

Toddler (2-3.5 yrs) - Lower Level

Each week Toddler Class explores the stories of our faith through story-telling, music and craft.

Grades PreK-1st, Grades 2nd-5th - Lower Level

Our Children's classes engage the stories of our faith in a variety of ways including art, story, historical exploration and games. These classes mostly focus on New Testament stories.

### Youth Class:

Grades 6th - 12th - Chapel

Guided by the fresh and creative insight of the class leaders, the youth explore the biblical texts while seeking to form a Christian response to world events.

### Adult Classes:

**Pathfinders**, Fellowship Hall

Enjoy friends, share concerns and celebrations, catch up on the week and maybe have a cup of coffee or even the occasional donut (from Donut World, of course).

**God in Books**, Room 303

Read and discuss a variety of Christian literature.

This fall the God in Books class is reading *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*.

**Bible 101**, Room 305

Read through the bible together.

This fall the Bible 101 class is reading through Romans.

**Adult 3**, Parlor

This class uses the Smith and Helwys curriculum to guide their conversations of faith, bible and life.

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## Creation Care Consideration

To save on paper, please consider viewing our Sunday bulletins on your mobile device, posted weekly under Media on the College Park website: [collegeparkchurch.com](http://collegeparkchurch.com) or scan this QR code.



Did you know that eating eating meat is the number one climate killer? Eating less or no meat will save water (2,500 gallons of water per one pound of beef), save the rainforest from being cut down for plantations to feed factory farm animals, stop the suffering of animals in concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), and improve your health.



## Participating at College Park

The ministries, committees, and work groups of our church need YOU. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the many opportunities to serve others at College Park.

You can go online to [www.collegeparkchurch.com](http://www.collegeparkchurch.com) to complete a survey (scan the QR code) or pick up a printed form at the church.

Deadline is Sunday, September 30. You will be contacted about your interest.





## Clothed with the Sun: Fierce Women from the Bible

Our fall sermon series is titled: *Clothed with the Sun: Fierce Women from the Bible*. Most every **Sunday we'll hear about a woman from our sacred text**. Some stories will be familiar, some will likely be new to you. Some might inspire, while others might be uncomfortable and odd. You can help us with photos and stories from the fierce women in your life.

**Photos:** Bring a framed photo of a fierce women in your life. It can be anyone—mother, sister, teacher, professor, pastor, counselor, daughter, doctor, aunt, etc. The pictures should be 5x7 or 8x10, already framed. They should NOT be original pictures that you would hate to lose. All the pictures will be returned, **and we'll use them to adorn the communion table and worship windows.**

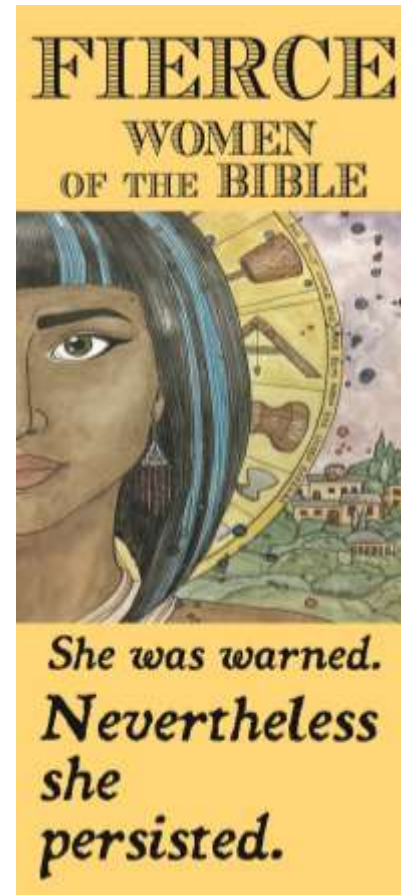
**Stories:** We'd love to have your story about a fierce woman in your life. Can you tell about such a woman in 800 words or less? Please no stories about mothers—we all love our mothers, but we don't need 50 stories about our mothers.. Remember specifics make it more interesting. Tell us about an incredible woman who helped you in your life or spiritual journey. **We'll share some of these (with your permission)** in worship or in the Collage. We need them as soon as possible, but no later than Oct. 1, please.

The title of this sermon series comes from Rev 12.1: A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. This lovely powerful image is neglected by so many Christian readers who instead are obsessed with the Beast, 666, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the Dragon, and the False Prophet. Joyce Hollyday, a pastor in Asheville, wrote:

**“What an image of the glory and power of womanhood we have in the Bible's last book!** Woman as portent, an indication of things momentous and marvelous about to occur. Standing at the end of the path, the Woman Clothed with the Sun invites us forward, beckoning us toward the courage that she possesses. She will be there at the end, welcoming us **into the light of her glory.**” [*Clothed with the Sun: Biblical Women, Social Justice, and Us*]

**This amazing image from John's dream, and Rev. Hollyday's book, will be our guides for our fall consideration of fierce biblical women.**

During our “Clothed with the Sun: Fierce Women of the Bible” fall sermon series, our adult choir will be featuring music in which the text and/or music has been composed or arranged by women. They will be introducing several works that are new to our congregation, including songs from *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song* and *Inclusive Hymns for Liberating Christians*, by Jann Aldredge-Clanton. If you're interested in looking at these works further, copies of each can be found in the office for your perusal.



### Tamar

**If one dare trim a woman's righteousness**  
The burn lingers longer within disguise  
**For one of Pride's time brings them to confess**  
**Time's old trick of suppression does arise**

Who writes the rules of justice for the ones  
**Outside of justice's clean cut argument**  
When within they know more than we come  
**What if they are for whom we've asked, He sent**

Go forth now, the strength of us alive  
Go forth for long is our road ahead  
And lacking not in limit or surprise  
Deep down layers of ours have been shed

Embrace your light, embrace your reign  
**For you are put on this Earth's gain.**

Annie Conolly



**Megan Doss & Matt Crowder  
in Concert**



**Sunday, September 23  
6:00 -8:00 pm  
College Park Backyard  
(next to playground)  
(rain location in the Chapel)**

**Bring chairs and your own picnic  
(if desired).  
It's Laurey Solomon's birthday.  
To help her celebrate, donations  
to CP Capital Campaign  
are welcomed.**



**with Matt Cravey  
Wed., Sept. 12  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall**



**Host families needed for  
visiting UVA choir**

The a capella group, Christian Hoos Exalt, will sing on Sunday, October 7 for Tessera and the 11 am service. Please contact Ginny Olson if you're willing to house a few students Friday and Saturday nights. They prefer to stay in groups of 2+. They need somewhere to sleep (bed, blow up mattress, pull out couch) and limited food (snacks, breakfast).



**NYC Choir Trip Review  
lead by David Soyars  
Wed., Oct. 3  
6:30 pm  
in the Chapel**

## Creation Project



Have you taken a photograph that always reminds you of the infinite beauty of God's creation, or have you made a piece of visual art through which you felt able to express God in and through the act of creation? We are looking for photographs and pieces of art created by College Park members to display in our church halls. These pieces will serve as a regular reminder of the awesome beauty of creation, as observed and expressed by our members! If you'd like to submit a photograph or piece of art, please include the following information with the piece:

Name/Brief Description of Piece  
Name of Photographer/Artist  
Date/Year of Photograph/Artwork

...and send a high-resolution photograph to: christianmcivor@gmail.com. Photos should be cropped for standard frame sizes (5x7, 8x10, 11x14, 16x20). Art pieces and works that are already framed can be accepted in the church office throughout the week or on Sunday. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

## Creation Justice Ministry at College Park

If you have a passion for environmental and ecological concerns and have interest in being part of a ministry group that works to protect, restore, and rightly share God's Creation at the local level and beyond, please speak to **Christian McIvor** after today's service and/or email: christianmcivor@gmail.com.



Hearts for Hope,  
September 21  
6:30 pm

Out of the Garden's annual fund raiser, Hearts for Hope, will be held Friday, September 21 at The Church on 68 at 6:30 pm. Keith & Ginger Burkhead

and John & Lexi Eagles are sponsoring a table at this event. However, they will be unavailable to attend the event. There are eight spots available (at no charge). It will be a great evening of celebration including food, drink and entertainment. If you would like to attend to show your support for Out of the Garden, please reach out to Ginger: 336-978-3411, [gbburkhead@gmail.com](mailto:gbburkhead@gmail.com) <http://www.outofthegardenproject.org/>



## Thank You

College Park,

Thank you for providing a perfect space for us to run Generation Hope, antiracism camp. You played an instrumental role in making this camp become a reality. We are so grateful for your willingness to share the playground and classrooms with us. The camp went great and we are hoping to do it again next year. Thank you for believing in and supporting anti-racism work.

*Beth Webb*



To Our Dear Friends at College Park Baptist Church,

Thank you for all you do to support our community—from encouraging a welcoming environment, to providing a place to meet and grow and embrace each other where we are.

Thank you for your space. The energy we experienced was warm and unique.

We are grateful for you!

*Women Impacting Greensboro*



# Announcements

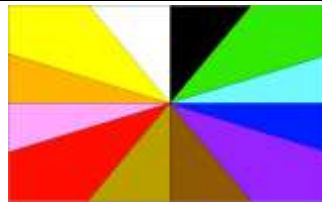
## College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly **calendar of events**. The **“Library”** is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.



[www.collegeparkchurch.com](http://www.collegeparkchurch.com)



Unity flag magnets are now available for \$2/2 magnets. Take an extra magnet to give to a friend as a way of spreading the love and message of unity.

You may also order and pay online:

<http://www.collegeparkchurch.com/unity-flag/>

## Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on a visitor information card and place in the offering plate or put prayer requests in the prayer box in the Prayer Room.



## Options for Children during the Worship Service



There are several child care options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.

## Address Changes

Rydell & Monica Harrison 34 Scenic View Dr., Northfield, CT 06778

Roland Russoli & Sarah Nelson: 2510 Kensington Gardens #207, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Please wear your name tag on Sundays.

If you do not have a name tag, please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.

336-273-1779 or [cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net)



## September GUM Donation

*Canned Applesauce (any size)*

Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance



Zumba classes meet Mondays (\$3), 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Tuesdays (\$5 or \$20 for 5 classes) 6 pm in the Chapel.  
Be sure to join us for fun & fellowship!

## Online Church Directory

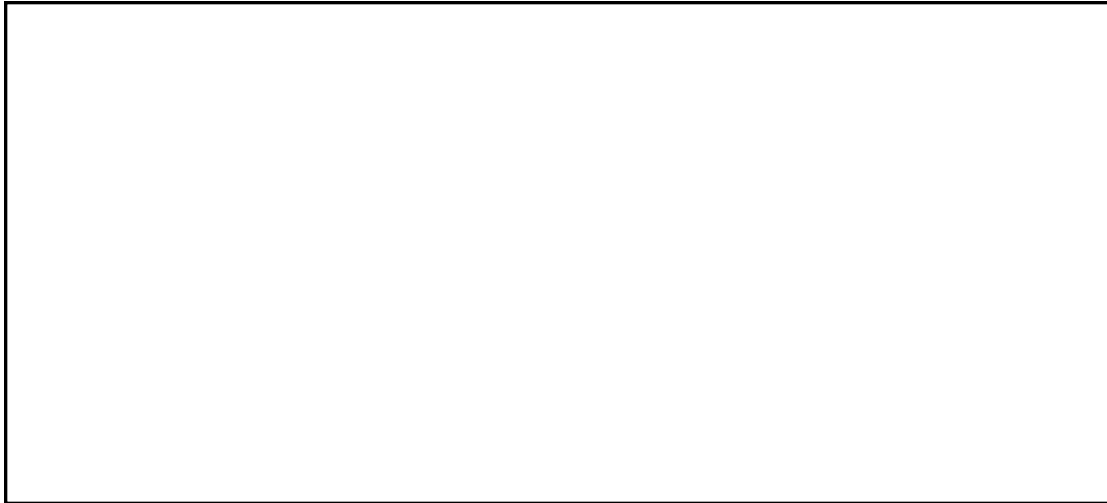
**Looking for a CP member's address, phone number or email?**

Visit the College Park Online Directory.:

<http://www.churchdirectory.com>. You will need to create an account. Please let the church office know if any information needs updating. You can also add a photo of your family by sending it to the office: [cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net)

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Return Service Requested



### Looking Ahead—September

Sept.

- 9 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Service, Sanctuary; noon Business Meeting, Sanctuary; 6:30 pm Youth Activities
- 10 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 11 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 12 NA noon, Chapel; 5:30 pm Dinner, FH; 6:30 pm Trivia Night, FH; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 13 NA noon, Chapel; Tai Chi 6:30 pm, Chapel
- 14 AI-Anon noon, Chapel; 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry, FH
- 16 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Service, Sanctuary; 3 pm Moms Demand Action, Chapel; 6 pm Youth Activities
- 17 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 18 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 19 NA noon, Chapel; 5:30 pm Dinner, FH; 6:30 pm Bible Study, Chapel; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 20 11:30 am Forever 39, K&W; NA noon, Chapel; 6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel
- 21 AI-Anon noon, Fellowship Hall; 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry
- 23 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Worship, Sanctuary; 6 pm CP Backyard Concert
- 24 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 25 NA noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 26 NA noon, Chapel; 5:30 pm Dinner, FH; 6:30 pm Bible Study, Chapel; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 27 NA noon, Chapel; 6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel
- 28 AI-Anon Noon, FH; 6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel
- 30 GUM Sunday; 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Worship, Sanctuary; 3rd Sunday Refreshments, Chapel after 11 am service
- Oct. Wednesday Night Programming
- 3 Adult Choir trip to NYC Report
- 10 Bible Study with Sally Ann Morris
- 17 NC State Constitutional Amendment Panel Discussion
- 24 All Church Halloween Party

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### Every Member a Minister

Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer  
Darlene Johnson, Sexton  
Amy Lowrance, Deacon Chair  
Christian McIvor, Assistant Minister  
David Soyars, Organist  
Tammy Shaney, Happy Retirement  
Lin Story-Bunce, Associate Minister  
Michael S. Usey, Pastor  
Annette Waisner, Office & Media Manager

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