

# THE MESSENGER SUMMER UPDATE

The Newsletter of

## MEYERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We continue this summer with our worship services shared with the brothers and sisters of First Presbyterian Church in Stirling. After worshipping together in July at the Stirling church, we return home to Meyersville starting Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Tom Peters will be leading the services. We will conclude our summer together with a “Praise and Graze” on the first Sunday in September.

### Sundays, August 7, 14, 21, and 28

Worship at 9:30 a.m. at Meyersville Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, September 4

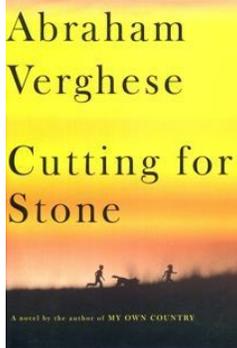
Praise and Graze (Worship and Covered Dish Brunch) at Meyersville 9:30 a.m.

Worship followed by brunch



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS NEEDED FOR AUGUST!

Weather permitting, our fellowship time in the summer is outside with something cold to drink and perhaps some cookies. We are in need of hosts for all the Sundays in August when we will be joined by our friends from Stirling. Please call the church office and leave a message with a date you can help out. Your offer will be confirmed with a return phone call. Thanks!



## MEYERSVILLE CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 9 at 7:30 pm

The Meyersville Church Book Club will next meet on Tuesday evening, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to talk about *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese. From the publisher's publicity:

*A sweeping, emotionally riveting first novel — an enthralling family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home.*

*Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Yet it will be love, not politics — their passion for the same woman—that will tear them apart and force Marion, fresh out of medical school, to flee his homeland. He makes his way to America, finding refuge in his work as an intern at an underfunded, overcrowded New York City hospital. When the past catches up to him — nearly destroying him — Marion must entrust his life to the two men he thought he trusted least in the world: the surgeon father who abandoned him and the brother who betrayed him.*

*An unforgettable journey into one man's remarkable life, and an epic story about the power, intimacy, and curious beauty of the work of healing others.*

Borrowable copies of the book are available in the church office.



Dear Church Family,

Every week in the month of July, our Sunday Prayers of the People has included a prayer for the victims of yet another senseless act of violence - the airport attack in Istanbul, the shootings in Baton Rouge and Minnesota and Dallas, the truck mowing down people in Nice, and the shootings in the mall in Munich. Each week I do not know what to say, how to pray. We are, all of us, bewildered and appalled and frightened. We pray, but it doesn't seem like enough; but we pray anyway. I believe that there are things we can say and do which contribute to healing and peace in the long term in how we choose to live our individual lives, how we use our resources, how we vote. In the meantime, until those long term efforts come to fruition, we need hope. And I think hope comes when we remember that in spite of the brokenness we all are experiencing these days, God is not finished with us yet. I believe that God promises to be our strength in our weakness, our faith in the midst of doubt, our stubborn hope driving out all fear. We may very well not feel strong or faithful or stubbornly hopeful every minute, but hope is not about what we feel; it is about what we believe and in whom we trust. Let us lift our eyes to look up and around to see how we might be peacemakers; let us pray; and let us hope.

Yours in Christ,

*Barbara*

Join us for Summer 2016  
**Joint Church  
Discussion Series**

All sessions will be held at  
**The First Presbyterian Church  
of Stirling**  
158 Central Avenue, Stirling, NJ  
(in the air-conditioned meeting room)



### Klokhuis Camp Concludes

Our building hosted a small two week long camp for young children involved in the Klokhuis Language Program. Among the special visitors to the children's classroom was Chef Ruud.

Come when you can!  
~ Open to all ~

First Presbyterian Church of Stirling  
*Trinity United Church*  
Meyersville Presbyterian Church  
have joined together again this summer to  
bring you a menu of discussion opportunities

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
**7:30 P.M.**

### Family Worship and Communion August 7

**Communion Prep:** Kelly Roshto and Ruud Zijdel

**Elders Serving:** Class of 2018 - Barbara Grillo, Rosanne McGraw, Robert Kielblock

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Kelly Roshto and Ruud Zijdel

### Call to Worship

August 7	Art England
August 14	Marjolein Zijdel
August 21	Barbara Grillo
August 28	Laura Minaian

**ONLY TWO SESSIONS LEFT. JOIN US FOR INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS, FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW IDEAS!**

**August 3: "Simplicity as a Spiritual Discipline"**  
Led by the Rev. Tom Peters

**August 10: "Consumerism: A Biblical Perspective"**  
Led by Andrew Galgoci

Give your Brain  
a gift this summer!