

The Vision

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AN INVITATION TO
"LUNCH N' LIFE"
sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of
Annandale/Springfield

Thursday, August 20
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church
3435 Sleepy Hollow RD
Falls Church, VA, 22044

The program, *"LIFE'S FINAL CHOICES – PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL"*, will be presented by The Memorial Society of Northern Virginia. The Memorial Society of Northern Virginia is a volunteer non profit organization, established in 1955, to provide education and resources to the community around issues of planning for death with dignity, simplicity, and economy.

The cost for the meal is \$9.00 per person (\$8.00 for members). Registration needs to be made by calling the office and then sending your check in advance payable to "SCAS" and mailed to SCAS at 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 18 - 20
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Theme:
Camp Edge

In an effort to reach more children, we are going to try a different schedule this year for Vacation Bible School. If you are willing to help, please let Twyla Turner know of your willingness and availability.

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

Most of you who read this will be aware that both my Mother and my Father have died in the last six weeks or so. I've made the 1,100 mile trip from here to Springfield MO three times in the last two months. All of that is to say that I've recently had both the occasion and the opportunity to think about family and relationships. At Dad's funeral, I said that I realized how blessed I have been by being born at this time and to these parents. I did nothing to either earn or deserve that, but I am deeply grateful for it. Given their ages, physical conditions, and the reduced quality of their lives in recent months, I view their deaths as a release from all they were being forced to endure. But I can remember well into my adult life dreading the thought of losing my parents. Even then I depended upon them for a lot. I counted on their experience and their willingness to always be there when I needed them.

What I've come to realize is that I haven't lost them. They are still with me, and not just in some mystical "in my heart and memories" sense (although that is certainly true). They are with me in the very physical sense that I carry their DNA. I cannot escape that presence of theirs. They are also with me in the things they taught me. In the models they provided for living life and walking in faith and honoring one's spouse. I've come to realize that I am becoming my father, and my mother. There was a time when I would have said that with anger and disappointment. Now I can say it with pride and with the understanding that is the way it is suppose to work. One generation pours itself into the next. Both of my parents were the last of their generation of their birth family. So it is now me and my generation with the responsibility to grow the next generation. That is an awesome responsibility. And in the case of my parents' generation, it is also a tough act to follow. Two World Wars, and many other wars including a Cold War. The Great Depression. The automobile, airplane, jets, and space shuttles. Dance crazes, hair and clothing styles, forms of entertainment all came and went. Through it all, they have invested themselves in us. Now it's our turn.

And so it is with the Father's Kingdom. One generation works with God and walks with God and learns from God, and then pours themselves into the next generation. While they and their journey become a very real part of us, we must still do our work and walk our journey and learn our lessons for our time and circumstances. Then it comes our time to pour ourselves into the next generation. It is so easy to think it is all about us, about me and what I want. It's not. It's about the Father's Kingdom and how we can grow it and pass it on to those who will follow us. So let us get on with it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

July

- 27-29 ACCA Medical Transportation Week
29 8:45 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
29-31 ONBC Vacation Bible School (9am-3pm)

August

- 2 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
10:55 a.m. Communion in Worship Service
12:15 p.m. August Birthday Fellowship
3 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
4-7 Youth Camp
5 8:45 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN FOR NEW SECRETARY

Applications are now being taken for the Church Secretary position. Ramona Davis' last day will be August 21, following which she will be moving to Wisconsin. Ramona has touched many lives in these three years and many of you will want to take advantage of these next weeks to express your appreciation to her. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please have them contact one of the Pastors for more information or to make an application. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you, once again, for your support for us following the death of my Father. The flowers, the cards, the calls, the prayers, the spoken words were all deeply appreciated and made a difference. Each of them reminded us of you and your presence with us – even across 1100 miles. We know you well enough not to be surprised, but that does not lessen the impact of your caring. Thank you for being you.

Jerry Young

Youth News...Twyla Turner

There will be **Youth Missions** on Tuesday, July 28. We will be working on what each youth will be doing to help with VBS in August. There will be not Youth Missions again until August 12th when we will finalize our plans for our 3 day VBS.

This Sunday we will complete the quizzes for week 9 of the **Amazing Bible Race** in **Sunday School**. Please try to complete some material at home this week and bring it to Sunday School on Sunday morning so that you can contribute to the group effort. Please bring your runner's log and Bible so that you will have the information you need for the quizzes. We will look for a date to reschedule our lock-in to complete the fast forwards of the first leg of the race. Please bring your schedule so that we can figure out a good date and put it on our calendars.

Our next **beach trip** will be on Thursday August, 13th. We will go to **Ocean City** Maryland again. The cost of the trip is \$20.00. We will depart from the church at 6 am and will return approximately 11 p.m. Please make a reservation for this trip with a deposit of ½ of the trip cost (\$10.00) ASAP.

For inquiring minds that want to know, plans are currently in the process of being made for a **canoe or canoe and camp trip** in September. Part of this activity will include some items for the Amazing Bible Race. As the details are worked out they will be announced here. Stay tuned for more details.

Our August **Children's Faith and Fun Day** is scheduled for August 23rd. Put it on your calendar now!! Invite a friend to join you!

A great time was had by all who attended the **"Independence Day Big Game"** at Skyline last weekend. We will not have a paintball game day in August, but will go again in September. The date will be announced soon. Make plans to join us for this fun day in the future.

There are still opportunities to earn **Disciple Dollars** or **need service hours for school**. Please contact Twyla if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer. If you have **any** interest in helping or attending, and have not yet spoken with Twyla, please do so immediately. Youth will continue their work for VBS on Tuesday night, July 28. Meeting dates for **all** workers will take place in August.

Your Mission Support Team Wants You to Know about the Following Events

Alzheimer's Candlelight Rally Remembering...Celebrating...Inspiring

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and
Community Partners

Sunday, August 16
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Reston Town Center Pavilion
Reston, Virginia

Sunday, August 23
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Rockville Town Square Plaza
Rockville, Maryland

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue Community Picnic

Building Community by Strengthening
Understanding and Relationships within Our
Culturally and Religiously
Diverse Neighborhoods

Sunday, August 9
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike
(Covered Picnic Area – Upper Level)

Bring food and refreshments for your family
and extra to share.
Bring chairs and/or blankets for your comfort.
Join your Fairfax area neighbors for an
afternoon of conversation.
Games and activities for both children and
adults (optional).

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