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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

These words from Psalm 136 are an outpouring of gratitude in response to God’s faithfulness. We here at Starmount Presbyterian Church have much to be thankful for.

We give thanks for the delightful Luau event held just last weekend. A grand time was had by all as we sampled some authentic Hawaiian cuisine and even learned how to dance the Hukilau! It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying fellowship together sporting their brightest colored Hawaiian shirts. Many thanks to everyone who attended and everyone on our Connections team! The Connections team invites you to their next event, a Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game on Friday, July 11th.

You can sign up for tickets by contacting the church office.

Another source of gratitude is that our Outreach efforts in the community continue to bear fruit. The Children & Youth Ministry is particularly excited about our growing relationship with a community partner, Brooks Global Elementary School. The church had a presence at their International Festival where our volunteers engaged in dessert evangelism, handing out homemade cookies to families.

There will be more opportunities on the horizon just like this one, so stay tuned.

We give thanks for the continued commitment our congregation demonstrates towards our immigrant and refugee neighbors. In the last several weeks we have collected cleaning supplies to donate to African Services. A group of volunteers also attended a city-wide packing event for hygiene kits held at a local church partner on International Refugee Day.

We also have reason to give thanks for the vitality of our worship services. Our new Chapel service has been going for over 6 months now. We were advised that it would take up to 2 years for the new service to really get established, but we are happy to report that we are already seeing early signs of success. In previous newsletters, you have seen that we have welcomed a new family as members and conducted our first baptisms. We have several new visitors that have become regular attenders and we have also welcomed current members who have returned to worshipping regularly. The visitors of this service have attended fellowship events and even participated in the summer choir in our Sanctuary service.

Of course the vitality of our worship is not defined by attendance numbers, but I am happy to report that for the months of March – June, overall worship attendance including both services is up by 15% compared with last year. The Chapel service averages between 20-30 each week, while the average for the Sanctuary service is holding steady at approximately 100, the same total as last year.

As a congregation, we have so many reasons to give thanks to God. May the words of the psalmist echo from our lips: “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

In Christ, Charlie Lee

Inspiring Faith in God

Discussion on Solar Energy



Solar Energy is abundant, efficient and increasingly affordable

Use of solar power decreases our carbon footprint, reducing our energy consumption

Contributes to a stable climate environment for future generations

Starmount Presbyterian Church is considering the idea of conversion to Solar Energy. Haywood Ingram has agreed to champion this and with support of the concept from the Property Ministry committee, plans to form a Solar Energy Task Force to do a detailed feasibility study of the project. The Task Force will be created to represent the Session in the ownership of this project. Please contact Haywood if you have questions or interest in this project.

hmingram50@hotmail.com

THE PRAYGROUND

The prayground is a space for children to learn the “how” and “why” behind our worship. Families are invited to learn and worship together in this space! These Sundays will have multiple children’s conversations throughout the service as well as music that is more accessible to children.

The Prayground will be set up on July 27th

Summer Choir

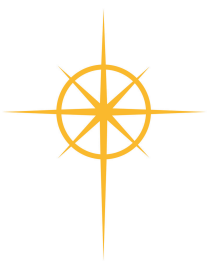
All are welcome!

Choir Room at 9am

July 6, 20

Aug. 3, 17, 31

Questions: Sarah@starmountpres.org



Sharing Hope Through Service



BackPack
BEGINNINGS

Volunteer Day
Saturday, July 19
9:30am- 11am

*To Register email:
ciliesutton@gmail.com*
Sign up sheets will be in
the Chapel and Narthex

*Questions contact Cilie : 336-207-9900
*Children over 5 are welcome with an adult



Big thanks to our
volunteers who
helped pack lunches
for the IRC on
June 16th!





Sharing Hope Through Service



To help reduce plastic pollution,
PLEDGE to refuse single use plastic for
the month of July .

Here are some simple changes that you
can make:

- Take your reusable bags not only to the grocery store but everywhere you shop.
- Use reusable mesh bags for produce
- Refuse straws and plastic cutlery when getting takeout
- Put leftovers in reusable containers instead of baggies or covering them with plastic wrap
- Don't buy bottled water--use a reusable water bottle
- Use laundry sheets instead of heavy, bulky plastic bottles (or plastic-coated pods)



SUMMER VOLUNTEERS
Greensboro Urban Ministry
Potter's House

- July 8 -10am-12:30pm
- August 5- 10am-12:30pm

We need volunteers to pack To Go Food Boxes for the community and residents of GUM Shelter.

*Need maximum of 5 helpers each day
*Sign up sheet in Narthex

Contact Evelyn: egarrison814@gmail.com / 336-450-9471



HOMESCHOOL HELPERS

We need Chaperones and Drivers!

Aug 6
Carolina Theater

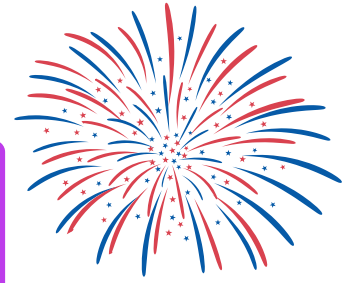
Click [HERE](#) to Volunteer



Building Loving Connections

Our Luau on June 21!

Thank you to the Connections Team who made this a wonderful event! Big fun was had by everyone.



The church office will be closed for July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Join us for a fun night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game on Friday, July 11th at 6:30pm!

Stay for fireworks after the game!

Tickets are \$12. You can register [HERE](#) for tickets or call the church office 336-299-8131



Join Us

Greensboro Grasshoppers

BASEBALL

Game Night

Enjoy baseball and fireworks!
July 11th, 6:30pm
Grasshoppers vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods
Tickets are \$12! Click [HERE](#) for tickets!



Building Loving Connections

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Judy Fitchett
- Ann Abplnalp
- 7/4 Arthur Bain
- 7/6 Jean Fisher
- Rhett McAllister
- 7/9 Lisa Moore
- 7/10 Deng Ayuel
- 7/11 Rebecca Bowles
- 7/13 Donna Bailey
- Julia Boyles
- Steve Walton
- McKenzie Bowles
- 7/14 Roe Dorner
- 7/16 Susan Cochrane
- 7/17 Parks Williams
- 7/18 Gale Owens
- Christie Winkler
- 7/19 Sue Ramger
- 7/20 Julie Stahr
- 7/21 Nuth Yak
- Gabe Lippe
- Emma Forrest
- 7/22 Cynthia Hunt
- Bagby Sparks
- 7/23 Cody Hadas
- Terry Preston
- Ellery Smith
- 7/24 Connie Fowler
- Mary Roberson
- 7/25 Bruce Bursey
- Mary Palmieri
- 7/26 Ry Porter
- 7/27 Richard Porter
- Lucy Turner
- 7/18 Jake Gill
- 7/31 Barb Newbauer



Grandparents Camp

BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS AND JOIN US FOR THIS INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT ON JULY 12TH FROM 10AM TO 12PM!

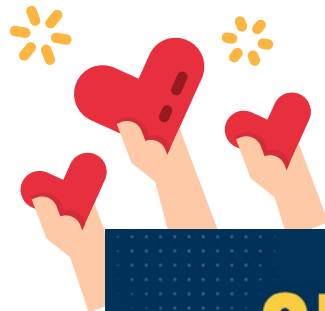
BIBLE LESSON, CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE ALL GEARED TOWARDS GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN (AGES 2 YEARS OLD THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

CONNECT & BOND IN A NEW WAY

BUILD STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS

MAKE MEMORIES & GET IDEAS

Questions? Contact Cindy Lee
cindy@starmountpres.org




OUT OF THE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex & Chapel

Questions contact Cathy: 336-706-8979
csingram@gmail.com

OUT OF THE GARDEN PROJECT
GIVE • TEACH • GROW
300 NC Hwy 68 S Gso

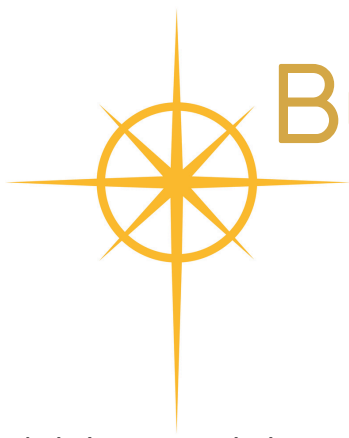
JULY 26
10am- 12pm

notice



Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee will be on vacation July 21-27.

Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns at 336-299-8131.



Building Loving Connections

Learning to Say “YES”



Adults spend decades learning to say “No” to requests that eventually overwhelm their personal energy. Setting boundaries and prioritizing your own needs is a skill that takes a lifetime to assimilate. But what happens when “No” becomes your default, when you retreat from opportunities to spend time with others, when you automatically say “No, I’m too busy”?

I challenge you to learn to say “Yes” to opportunities that may challenge your preconceptions. Instead of automatically responding “No” when someone asks you to participate in something that may be new or unknown to you, consider saying “Yes” to stretching yourself to participating in a new experience. You may discover that saying “Yes” will bring you satisfaction and enjoyment beyond your previous experiences. What are some of the invitations which you may embrace?

- You might agree to go to dinner with someone who has not yet become your friend, but who may become a friend who really takes the time to listen to you when other friends have heard all your stories and stopped really listening.
- You may accept an invitation to go to a movie or play when you have developed the habit of hibernating during the evenings.
- You may be invited to join a group where you will be challenged with new ideas and maybe new responsibilities.

Saying “Yes” can energize and improve your life. Consider saying “Yes” the next time you are invited to do something that challenges you!



ALERT: *Summer is here and it’s extremely easy to become dehydrated. Please commit to drinking water every two to three hours even if you don’t feel thirsty. As we age, we lose our accurate sense of thirst. Protect yourself!*



For more information about yoga classes at Starmount, contact Jennifer Dowler at jennifer@drachrom.com or call or text my cell at 336-312-9589 to learn more.

Starmount Youth Summer! RSVP to Laura for all events!

Burrito Buddies

July 7, August 11

Volunteer for VBS and Art & Bible Camp!



July 14 - 17 & July 28 - Aug 1

Ozzie's Ice Cream

July 20 @ 5 , August 17 @ 5



All 6-12 graders welcome & any college students home for the summer!



VBS 2025!
July 14th-17th
9am-12pm
cost: \$10

3 years old (potty trained) - completed 5th grade
Click [here](#) to register online or call the church office.

Volunteers Needed

We need your help for our Scuba VBS and Art & Bible Camp in many different areas! If you're available, even for just part of the week, please consider signing up to help.

Crew Leaders **Prep Help**

Station Helpers **Floaters**

And More!

**Follow this link to
volunteer for VBS!**

VBS Questions Contact Cindy Lee:
cindy@starmountpres.org

**Follow this link to volunteer
for Art & Bible Camp!**

Art & Bible Questions Contact
Laura Roberson Hadas:
Laura@starmountpres.org



SPC VBS SERVICE PROJECT

Hygiene Drive

to Help Support the African Services Coalition agency collect hygiene products for their clients in need!

Collection Date:
July 14th-20th

Drop-off Location:

Either with your child at VBS or place in church workroom

Thank you for your help supporting our service project!



HYGIENE DRIVE
JULY 14-20
BRING WITH
YOUR CHILD AT
VBS OR IN
CHURCH
WORKROOM

Personal Hygiene Donation Ideas



shampoo



soap



conditioner



washcloth



towel



comb



Deodorant



cotton buds



toothbrush



toothpaste



sponge



nail clipper



tissues



laundry detergent



floss



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Monthly Session and Ministry Minutes

If you are interested in viewing the monthly Session minutes or monthly ministry minutes you can call the church office to request a copy.

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2025 Ministry Chairs & Leadership

Children & Youth -

Debbie Stubbs & **Leslie Webb**, co-chairs

Congregational Engagement & Growth -

Evelyn Nadler & **Parks Williams**, co-chairs

Connections -

Art Fitchett, Chair - **Elvice Kotangonda**, **Karen Smith**

Finance -

Kris Kattmann, Chair - **Frances Kallam**, **Howard Williams**

Inspire Faith -

Frank Burton, Chair

Mission -

Mary Cuadras & **Greg Rechten**, co-chairs

Personnel -

Jan Epps-Dawson, Chair - **Kaye Brassfield**

Property -

Paul Tiedeman, Chair - **Gary Anderson**, **Haywood Ingram**

Names in bold are current Session members

Starmount Financials

2025 GENERAL FUND PLEDGES BUDGET vs RECEIVED

	Budgeted	Pledges	Difference
Month	Pledges	Received	Over/(Under)
January	\$ 36,962	\$ 39,613	\$ 2,651
February	\$ 40,162	\$ 37,070	\$ (3,092)
March	\$ 41,640	\$ 47,216	\$ 5,576
April	\$ 25,962	\$ 26,534	\$ 572
May	\$ 33,962	\$ 30,726	\$ (3,236)
2025 Total	\$ 178,688	\$ 181,158	\$ 2,470

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.
Luke 12:34*

Check out the NEW 2024 Endowment Booklet. Paper copies can be found in the narthex. [Click here](#) to view. Please reach out to Lynne with any questions on Legacy Giving to Starmount Presbyterian Church