

The latest news and updates from [Cary Presbyterian Church](#).



## News & Updates from Your CPC Family



**Confirmation Sunday, May 21, 2017**

**Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.**

**Homily: *I Won't Leave You*, Dr. Kyle Allen**

### *Weekly Contemplation:*

*Who am I? Where am I going? Where do I see God at work in the world?  
Who is Jesus? What is the Holy Spirit? How does God speak to me through  
those ancient words contained in scripture? If I say yes to God and yes to  
being a member of the church, then what does that mean for the way I plan  
to live my life?*

*For the last 8 ½ months, our 2017 Confirmation Class has been given safe  
space to ask these and a host of other questions about the Christian life. Now  
they are ready to publicly profess their faith and be welcomed with open  
arms into our faith family during worship this Sunday. I hope they never stop  
asking their questions, and I hope we never do either!*

*Is your faith growing? Is your inner, spiritual life flourishing?  
If so, how are you stoking those fires? How are you having your own soul fed?  
Are you and I intentionally and mindfully living with an awareness  
of God's ever-near presence?*

*Who are we? Where are we going? What gives our lives purpose, meaning  
and direction? What does God have to say about that? What is God saying  
about that?*

*Seeking and searching with you, Kyle*

## News and Announcements



### Youth and Families Ministry

The Youth and Families Ministry end of year celebration is this Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner before heading outside for games on the lawn. All Christian Adventurers, Middle School, and High School youth (and their families) are invited.

We'd also like to extend a special invitation to the rising 3rd graders who will join the Christian Adventurers next year!

Please RSVP here at this link: [Youth and Families Ministry Celebration](#). Also, we are putting together a slideshow of pictures from this year. If you have any to share, please upload them here: [Youth and Families Photos](#).

## Youth Leadership Council

We are constantly looking for ways to engage our youth in our ministry, in the life of this church, and within the community and beyond. We want to help them grow in their faith; part of this responsibility includes helping them to explore the many ways in which God calls them to live out their faith.

Rising 7th - 12th grader youth, would you like to:

- work with other CPC youth to develop leadership skills?
- share ideas and plan events for the youth of CPC?
- shape our mission and outreach efforts?
- and much more!

If so, please consider applying to be a part of the new Youth Leadership Council (YLC) for the 2017-2018 youth fellowship year! For more information, [click here](#). For an application, [click here](#). Please contact Tiffany Warren ([tiffanywarren@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:tiffanywarren@carypresbyterian.org)) if you have any questions.

## Got Stuff?

We're always looking for fun little trinkets to use as prizes, to fill a goody bag for a friend who needs a smile or encouragement, etc. Do you have: Extra candy? Extra little notepads and pens? Extra hand lotions? Extra small toys? Books? We'll take it off your hands!! Items should be appropriate for an elementary, middle, or high school youth. Silly items welcomed! If you have items to donate, please drop them off in the church office and mark them as "Youth Stuff". This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year, so keep your home clutter free by sending your STUFF our way!

## Christian Adventurers, Middle School Youth, and Senior High Youth

End of Year Celebration, Sunday, May 21! Meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner. (Bring your family!) After dinner, we'll head outside for games on the lawn. YAF will provide fried chicken and BBQ, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. [Please RSVP here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Warren. ([tiffany.warren@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:tiffany.warren@carypresbyterian.org)).



## Food, Friends, Fun! is back this summer

It's almost time for this summer's Food, Friends, Fun (FFF) with families from the Wrenn Drive neighborhood!

Rev. Stephanie Workman of the Kirk has worked hard to secure funding for FFF. The entire program has been certified as a USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and has received thousands of dollars of grant money.

- Our own Jen Pierce has been hired as the overall program director.
- A professional cook has been secured for all sites! (We only need to assist, serve....and eat!)
- The grant provides all supplies from plates to napkins, paint to glue, and salaries for program staff!
- New Hope Presbytery awarded FFF a Passion Driven Grant to supplement any needs not covered under the larger grant.

80 Wrenn Drive family members have already registered for this summer!

**HOW WILL YOU PARTICIPATE?** Help is needed with:

- Reading
- Recreation
- Child care,
- Shepherding groups
- Crafts
- Driving

Because of the USDA grant, all volunteers and staff from all participating churches must attend a one hour orientation one of two days:

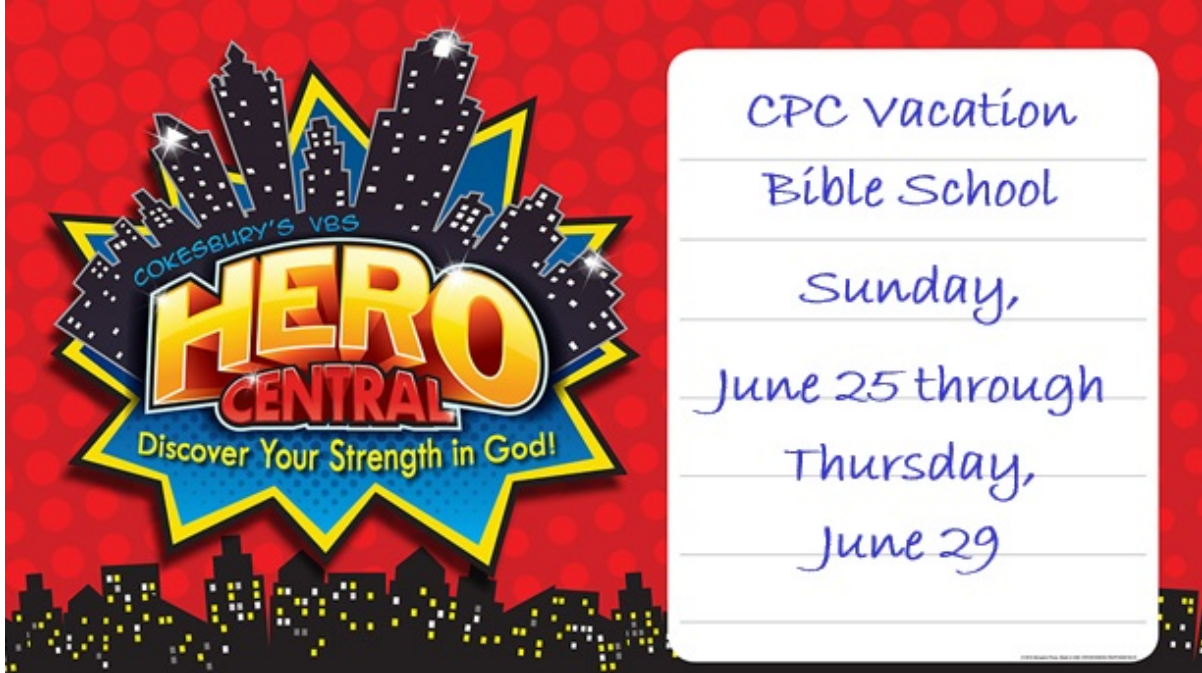
- Wednesday, June 7th, 5:30 Potluck at CPC, or
- Monday, June 12th, 5:30 at Greenwood Forest Baptist

(or by special arrangement with CPC Team: Medora, Jen, Lori)

**REMEMBER:** Helpers of all ages are welcome!

CPC's Food, Friends, and Fun is each Wednesday, beginning June 21 through August 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sign up on the big bulletin board in the narthex, or [through this link](#).



### Vacation Bible School: Register now in the narthex

Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29, Sunday through Thursday evenings for children age 4 through rising 5th graders. Middle schoolers are encouraged to help, along with older youth and adults.

Our theme this year is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!" Registration has begun! Visit the VBS signup table in the Narthex.

### Be a part of Children in Worship!

Your Children in Worship team of worship leaders wants to expand.

Train to be a Children in Worship leader so you can help form our young children in faith while experiencing worship on a different level. Training will be tailored to your schedule.



Contact Medora Hix ([medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org)) this week to find out more.

### Graduation Sunday, June 11

Youth and Families Ministry will recognize our Cary Presbyterian

Church high school and college graduates during worship on June 11 at the first 10:00 a.m. All Together Service for summer!

When you have the opportunity, take some time to check out the board in the narthex (pictured here) congratulating this year's graduates.



## Sharing the Ties That Bind:

### Listen to Mother's Day Tributes

To honor those we love and to connect us better through sharing our stories, Ties That Bind wants to point you to a few short Mother's Day tributes by our congregants (especially the youngest) to their own mothers. These are joyful, meaningful and faithful; blessed indeed are the ties that bind.



[You will find the tributes at the CPC church website linked here.](#)

The next opportunity to share will be for Father's Day, June 18. Please start thinking about your tribute now! It can be a short tribute you record on your phone, or [you may sign up to have a facilitator present for a long form tribute](#) with you and a loved one. A wonderful way to honor your father on his day!

CPC's Ties That Bind (TTB) audio recording ministry (patterned after NPR's StoryCorps program) was approved by Session in 2016 as a way to address one of the three top priorities established by our congregation - to be more intentional in our effort to connect with one another, our community, and the world. For more information please contact [Caroline Derifaj at this link](#) .

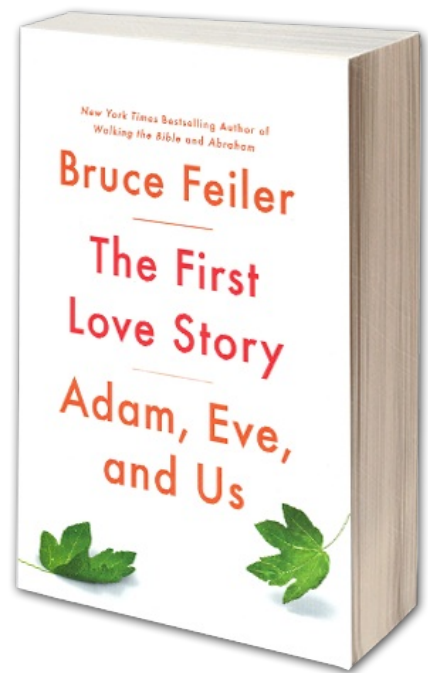
## Cool Books Group, June 6, 7:00

p.m.

The Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht. We will read and discuss *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us* by Bruce Feiler.

At a time of discord and fear over the strength of our social fabric, Feiler shows how history's first couple can again be role models for unity, forgiveness, and love rather than a source of blame for sin, deceit and death.

If you are interested in joining us for this discussion, please contact Peg Giesbrecht at 919-851-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456



## Memorials & Endowment Committee 2017 Grant Cycle

Application Deadline: June 16

Is there a mission or faith based activity you are passionate about that is not sponsored through the CPC budget? If so, a grant from the Memorials &

Endowment Team is a great way to get needed funds for your project.



**M&E grants exist to provide support for faith-based initiatives.**

These initiatives must align with the overall purpose of the Endowment Fund-to provide opportunities for members to support the benevolent, educational, and mission work of the whole church.

**M&E grants are one-time, non-recurring gifts and are not intended to replace existing budgets or support ongoing projects. Any CPC member may apply.**

Not sure if a certain initiative falls within the grant guidelines? Please contact one of the committee members with this or any other questions regarding the application process. Committee members are Ben Kadlec (Team Lead), Donna Adkins, Jim Bowdish, Barbara Carew, Brian Short and Meredith McGill.

**Application deadline is Friday, June 16. Approved grants will be announced by August 1, with funds disbursed by September 1 (or as needed thereafter).**

Grant applications as well as policy guidelines are located in the church office and online at [www.carypresbyterian.org](http://www.carypresbyterian.org).

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## Did You Know?

Cary Presbyterian Church is a part of a larger family of churches comprising the New Hope Presbytery.

From Efland to the Outer Banks, spanning 33 counties, with 122 congregations representing 28,314 members, we are a Mid-Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving eastern North Carolina.

To learn more about what is going on within our New Hope Presbytery, [click here to sign up for the Presbytery of New Hope e-newsletter.](#)



## Visit our Facebook Page!

Our Facebook page is a great continuing source of information about what is upcoming and what has happened at CPC. Visit it frequently for news and pictures you won't see elsewhere, and share the posts with your friends and on your own Facebook page!

Follow the link here:

[Cary Presbyterian Church on Facebook](#)

## CPC Calendar for May 21 through May 28



## THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> Sunday School <b>Confirmation Sunday Worship Service</b> MS Youth Group (FH) End of Year Party SH Youth Group (FH) End of Year Party CA Youth Group (FH) End of Year Party (Rising 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders invited as well)
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Session and Deacon Meeting (FH) Page Turners Book Club (P)
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Preschool End of Year Party/Mrs. Pierce (Side Lawn – Rm 100) Preschool End of Year Party/Mrs. Shosho (Youth Room) Strength, Hope, Healing (100, 102) Boy Scouts Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) CPC Green vs. Peace Presbyterian (Thomas E. Brooks Park – Field 8) CPC Gray vs. TCC Green (Thomas E. Brooks Park – Field 7)
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Preschool Graduation Set-up (FH) Preschool End of Year Party/Mrs. Smith (Side Lawn – Youth Room) Health and Wholeness Ministry Team (209) Coping Creatively with Cancer (L)
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Preschool End of Year Party/Mrs. Markham (Side Lawn – Rm 100) Preschool Graduation (FH) CPC Gray vs. Peace Presbyterian (Middle Creek Park – Field 2)
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Last Day Centering Prayer/Kathleen Norris's <i>Amazing                  Grace</i> (P)
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Library Team Meeting (L) Eagle Court of Honor/Liam Carriker (FH)
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School <b>All Together Worship Service</b>

### Send Your News and Announcements

Bulletin and e-Link announcements for the most recent upcoming dates are due by 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday.

Please send to Phil Melton at  
[office@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:office@carypresbyterian.org).



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