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— REFLECTIONS —

*“In a time of destruction, create something.  
A poem. A parade. A community. A school. A vow.  
A moral principle. One peaceful moment.”  
-Maxine Hong Kingston*

Our imagination is the single most important asset we possess. Imagination is the source of all innovation, invention, play. Great discoveries have come about and continue to come about because someone imagined it.

The ideas that spring from our imagination itself are a mystery. The inspiration behind them offered as a gift from the Source of all. I like to call that Source the Holy Spirit.

This summer I read the book Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert the author of Eat, Pray, Love. She has a lot to say about “ideas.” She believes they have a will and consciousness of their own and spend eternity looking for ways to be manifest through collaboration with willing human partners. A bit quirky, I admit, it is entitled, Big Magic after all, but she makes a point I think is important for us to consider. When an idea presents itself to us we have a choice to make: to say yes to the idea or no. If we say no, nothing happens, the idea moves on to another. If we say yes, look out, our lives are about to change

Two thousand years ago, Jesus said yes to an idea and imagined a realm where everyone was valued and loved. He imagined a world where everyone had enough, and there was no hierarchy. In his ideal world based on the idea of radical love and hospitality, the least among us was of same importance as the highest and hate was overcome by fearlessness and violence overcome with love. Jesus spent his whole life asking: will you say yes to this idea? Will continue to imagine this Realm of God?

Two thousand years later he is still asking. As we once again begin our program year, I invite us to use our imaginations and say yes to ideas that come our way to further God’s realm here at Palisades. Can we cooperate with the Holy Spirit and open ourselves to the way God is asking us to collaborate with the Divine, so that through us, God’s imagination, God’s dream, becomes for us a reality? I hope so.

Blessings, Angela



## Directory Update

Please remember to inform Jane if there is a change in your mailing address, e-mail or other contact information. Our directory is only as accurate as the information provided.

Call the office at 845-359-3147 or e-mail Jane at [ppc10964@gmail.com](mailto:ppc10964@gmail.com) with any changes, edits or just to confirm the information we have.

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

- 8 Blessing of the backpacks  
Welcome back picnic at Douglas' house after worship
- 11 Parent Group 7:00 pm
- 15 Deacons Meeting 11:30 am

### Blessing of the Back Packs

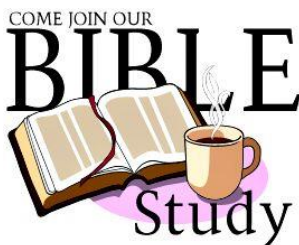
Sunday, September 8, 10:00 am. Bring your backpacks to worship and we will say a special blessing for the beginning of the school year!



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### Bible Study Resumes Wednesday September 11th

At 12:15 p.m. We will be studying John Spong's book, Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today. All are Welcome!

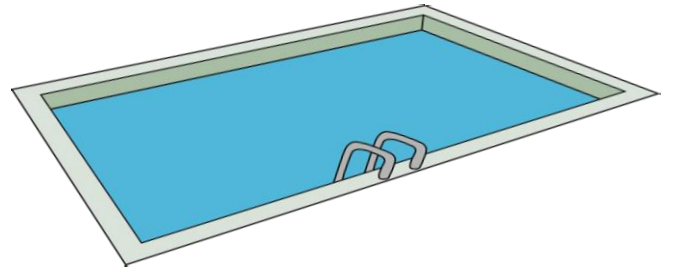


### Deacons' Corner

That was a quick summer! We are excited to be now getting back into the swing of things with our usual tasks. We are ready to serve all in need! For rides to and/or from worship contact Margaret Allen, for casseroles contact Denise Cae Tilberis, for special prayers call Stephen van Dyk, and if a memorial service or any other event is being held at the church contact John Guzewich to help coordinate the service! Prayers for all who need God's healing presence, prayers for all who grieve. May God be with all who continue grieve in our church community.

Welcome back everyone!

**Welcome Back Picnic and Pool Party** following worship on Sunday, September 8th at the home of Marjorie Douglas (275 Kings Highway, Orangeburg). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish House.



### Parent Group

The parent group meets the first Wednesday of the month. This month we will meet on Wednesday, September 11th from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome. Join us and bring a friend!

### Sunday School To Be Announced

At this time Sunday School will not be offered this fall. We are in the process of creating a program for our older children who have all be confirmed. Families are welcome and encouraged to stay for the entire service in the sanctuary.

**If you have a child in grades Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade please contact Angela to talk about your child's needs.**