



## TODAY AT SARDIS

### Sunday, July 16

10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	HS Spontaneous Combustion	Away
6:30 p.m.	Sardis Centering Prayer Group	Parlor



## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Ministry Meetings	Various Rooms
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### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m.	Faith & Films	211-212
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### Thursday, July 20

7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall
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**We have many activities taking place at Sardis! Please visit our website at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org) to find out more, or pick up this month's issue of *The Communicator* in the Narthex.**

### Summer Adult Sunday School Fellowship Hall • 10:00 a.m.

July 23: Brenda McKay / Dr. Pressly Gilbert – Haiti Mission  
July 30: Jacob Hare, Contemporary Christian Music

**Construction Zone:** The porte cochere project is underway. When entering or exiting the Narthex from the main parking area, please use the sidewalk along the side of the Sanctuary, or use the side door entrance into the Sanctuary. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience while construction is ongoing.



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**Lemonade on the Lawn:** Join us for refreshments and fellowship on the lawn between the Sanctuary and main parking lot.

**Blood Drive:** Sunday, July 23 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A critical shortage of blood donations may lead to delays in urgent medical care to vulnerable patients. You can help make sure that doesn't happen. Please commit to give! Donors may sign-up online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org). Questions? Contact Sheri Bartel at [sbartel@windstream.net](mailto:sbartel@windstream.net).

**Next Sunday kicks off our Pool for School Tools Drive** to provide supplies to Rama Road Elementary students. Please pick up any of the following supplies and drop them in the pool in the Gathering Area. The drive runs through August 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

- Dry erase markers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Pocket folders
- Hard cover composition books (wide ruled)

**SMASH** is a music and arts summer camp for rising 2<sup>nd</sup> through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade children. Join us Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child (\$60 family maximum). Each child will need to bring their own lunch.

Register online or download the registration form and mail in along with payment (payable to Sardis Presbyterian Church with SMASH and your child's name on the memo line).

**Youth Cooking Camp** for rising 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, is filling up fast! The camp is August 15-17 from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. each day. The fee is \$50.00 and is limited to 20 participants. Register and pay online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).



### Sardis' Core Values

- A Family Growing in Faith Together
- Where You Never Walk Alone
- Discover and Follow Your Calling
- Appreciating Our Past; Embracing Our Future
- Serving God by Serving Others

### Mission Statement

The mission of Sardis Presbyterian Church is to glorify God as we seek to live, express and faithfully demonstrate the Great Commandment and Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



We seek to advance this mission through the God-directed purposes of:

**Worship  
Service  
Evangelism  
Discipleship  
Fellowship**

Thank you for joining in the worship of God with us at Sardis Presbyterian Church. This community of faith is sensitive to the fact that the shadow of the Savior's cross falls on all of us. At the foot of the cross, we are all equal. All of us are recipients of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Our gratitude for God's grace is expressed in the way we care for our community, our city, our country, and our world.

Our prayer is that in this hour of worship, you will find inspiration to be Christ-like in this new week.

**Please remember to turn off all cell phones in the Sanctuary.**

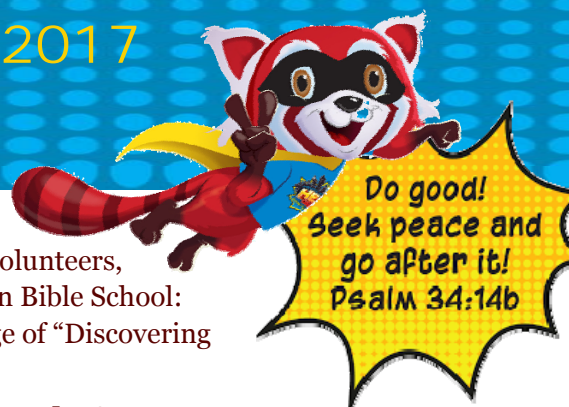
### GET CONNECTED

Breaking news. Exclusive content. Valuable insights. Our church's online community is growing. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter! Get started by clicking on the link at [sardis.org](http://sardis.org).

- [Facebook.com/sardispres](https://www.facebook.com/sardispres)
- [Twitter.com/sardispres](https://twitter.com/sardispres)
- [Instagram.com/sardispres](https://www.instagram.com/sardispres)



## VBS 2017



Katie Harrington, Associate Pastor for Families, and Heather Eddy, Assistant for Programming, would like to thank the directors, shepherds, volunteers, youth helpers, and staff for their tireless efforts to make this year's Vacation Bible School: Hero Central!, a success! Each person contributed to laying out the message of "Discovering Your Strength In God". Children learned that God's Heroes have

**HEART, COURAGE, WISDOM, HOPE and POWER.**

Pray that these children, and everyone associated with the week continue to remember these lessons throughout the coming year, and throughout life.

# WORSHIP



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available on racks in the hall near the Historical Room and the Narthex. Please return the bags to the designated basket by the rack.

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CHILDCARE for infants through age 5 is available during worship in the Preschool building. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are encouraged to worship with their families.

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COPIES OF THE Sardis Church newsletter, The Communicator, are available in the Narthex and on the website, [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and he/she will provide one for you.

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A handicap unisex bathroom is located in the left rear hallway.

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CDs & DVDs of the worship service are available. Contact the church office for details. Audio sermons are available online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

## THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

Δ *Those who are able, please stand.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. David G. McKechnie

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**People: Whom shall I fear?**

Pastor: You are the light of the world.

**People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #49 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

PRAYER OF PRAISE The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God of all the earth, that we too often content ourselves with words and do little to flesh out those words with deeds. We call Christ "Lord", but do not let his love rule our lives. We call him "Light", but abide in darkness. We say he is the "Way", but do not follow him. Do not hold our doubts against us and be patient with our failures. Have mercy upon us and forgive us as we sincerely turn to you for mercy and healing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Δ RESPONSE #48 Rain Down *Rain Down*

**Rain down; rain down, rain down your love on your people.**

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.**

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Announcements

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51:1-12 *Page 520*

*Children first grade and younger are excused to the Narthex during the following hymn.*

Δ HYMN OF INSPIRATION #321 The Church's One Foundation *Aurelia*

SERMON LESSON Philippians 2:1-11 *Page 197*

SERMON Fresh Perspective

Δ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in the living God, the Father of humankind, who creates and sustains the universe by his power and in his love.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth; because of his words and work, his way with others, his use of suffering, his conquest of death, I know what human life ought to be and what God is like.**

**I believe that the Spirit of God is present with us, now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, in the sacraments, in the fellowship of the church and in all we do. Amen.**

Δ PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Glory to God pg. 35)

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Both members and visitors are asked to sign as the register is passed.*

*Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.*

THE OFFERTORY Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing *Young*

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

*Summer Choir*

Δ DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Δ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Δ HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #318 In Christ There Is No East or West *St. Peter*

Δ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Welcome Visitors!** Drop by the Welcome Banner and receive a yellow gift bag of information and other special gifts. Feel free to take any of the materials in the Friendship Register to better acquaint yourself with the activities of Sardis Presbyterian Church.

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**The flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given to the Glory of God by Joel and Andrea Kopley.

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**Pastoral Emergencies:** On weekends or holidays please call the church office to be directed to the Pastoral Care Voicemail. Please leave a message, including a call-back number, and a Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

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No cash for the offering plate? Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) and click on "Make a Gift Now," or click the code here to go directly to the secure online form.

