



# Light From The Hill

**OCTOBER, 2017...The Pastor's Corner...Rev. Norman L. Ramsey, III**

Dear Laurel Hill:

We look forward to hosting this year's Annual Conference on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM as we share with seven other churches the great work of God in our midst. This year we pay special attention to recognizing and defining the process we follow at Laurel Hill for making disciples of Jesus Christ. All of us are part of this process.

Last year, we were asked to share a strategic vision for the future and it is wonderful the ways that vision is already taking shape. We are still working on clarifying and communicating the underlying principles that govern our ministry rather than trying to seek permission from others whenever we sense God's leading. We're so pleased with the way Chris and Angela Ragland have taken responsibility for guiding our ministry to families and children. We anticipate taking the first big steps towards upgrading our audio system this fall and moving towards sharing the gospel more visually in 2018.

We're also thankful for the way we've gotten more consistent in praying together and sharing in the ongoing mission and ministries of our church. We rejoice in the ministry we share with other churches in our community and the continued excellence we bring to our mission involvement.

The questions we face for the year ahead are very personal questions for each of us. They're not private matters but questions for which the answers can make a huge difference in us.

1. How is Jesus at work in my life?
2. How am I living as a person of faith?
3. How personally involved am I in the mission and ministry of God's kingdom here at Laurel Hill?

To answer these questions and to grow in our ease and boldness in answering them I want to encourage you to consider four things, four opportunities for which I want to hold you accountable and for which I want you to hold me accountable, too. The first thing is learning how to add or introduce God's Word into the good works of service of which we're already a part. We can each encourage and remind each other whenever we are serving together that we've been commissioned to speak up for Jesus and how He is at work in our lives.

The second thing is inserting into our meetings and conversations what Jesus is doing in our lives. The third thing is how we incorporate the testimony of what Jesus is doing when we worship together. The fourth thing is getting so excited about what Jesus is doing in our lives that we invite people to come join us at Laurel Hill.

Love you very much,  
Norman Ramsey

P. S. Thank you to Phil Deane (for speaking in our early service) and Theresa Duke (for sharing in our 11:00 AM worship) and sharing a word of encouragement from the Scriptures on Laity Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Norman will be attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Homecoming at Mt. Holly UMC in Fairdale, KY where Norman was Youth Pastor 35 years ago.



**8:45am – Praise & Worship**  
**9:45am – Sunday School**  
**11:00am – Traditional Worship**

**October 1, 2017:** To Pray for Laurel Hill UMC (1 Timothy 2: 1 - 8)  
*(Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM, Luncheon after 11:00 AM Service)*

**October 8, 2017:** To Worship the Lord with Others (Psalm 29, John 4: 23)  
*(We Celebrate Laity Sunday, Today!)*  
*(Pastor is at the 150<sup>th</sup> Homecoming at Mt. Holly UMC in Fairdale, KY)*

**October 15, 2017:** To Give and Invest into the Kingdom, (Luke 6: 38)  
*(Charge Conference from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)*

**October 22, 2017:** To Serve the Lord (Deuteronomy 10: 12)

**October 28, 2017:** Fall Festival Outreach, 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**October 29, 2017:** To Be an Ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5: 20)

# LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER, 2017

**Praise & Worship: 8:45 A.M.-Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.-Worship: 11:00 A.M.**

<b><u>OUR USHERS</u></b>	
October 1-Kirby Miller, Joe Corley, Randy Welch	
October 8-Stuart Walton, Raymond Stevenson, Buddy Whitlow	
October 15-Bill Robinson, Gene Russell, George Kaloski	
October 22-Craig Pollard, Phil Deane, Ray Alexander	
October 29-Doug & Peggy Singlemann and Raymond Stevenson & Agnes Knowles	
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</u></b>
October 1-Stuart and Tricia Walton	October-Pam Johnson
October 8 & 15-Jeremy and Stephanie Rowan	
October 22 & 29-Harley Gostel	
<b><u>OUR ACOLYTES</u></b>	<b><u>COMMUNION</u></b>
October 1 Eliana Horne	October-Lela Hall
October 8 TBA	
October 15 TBA	
October 22 TBA	
October 29 TBA	
<b><u>OUR GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>SOUND TECHNICIANS</u></b>
October 1 Gary and Theresa Hughes	October 1 & 8 Doug Singlemann
October 8 Bud Funk and Randy Welch	October 15 & 22 Bill Robinson
October 15 Bill Leitch and Jenny Nelson	October 29 Keith Gostel
October 22 Susan Nowell and Dot Gay	
October 29 John and Linda Turner	
<b><u>TELLERS</u></b>	
October 1 Judy & Billy Walker and Jenny Nelson	
October 8 Phil Deane and Randy Welch	
October 15 Chris Ragland and Linda Kinsey	
October 22 Peggy Singlemann and Jeremy Rowan	
October 29 Lois Miller and Pam Wilson	

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

### FISH NEWS-We are collecting Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles for October...

#### Upcoming Events:

We desperately need paper bags with handles. Put these items in the FISH collection box and we will get them to FISH.

Here's what happening in the near future

**October, 12th & 13th** are the dates of the fall FISH yard sale. All donations are appreciated. Kirby and Pam will help get your items to FISH or you can take them yourself to Village Presbyterian Church on Laburnum Avenue.

In November we will have "Spirit days" at Roberto's. The details will be in the next newsletter.

As I said before, FISH relies TOTALLY on donations. YOU keep this organization going so we can help people in eastern Henrico. Thank you for being a "neighbor helping a neighbor".

## FLOWER POWER



Laurel Hill is a Missions ministries outreach in our goal is to raise \$6000 th

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You can support this fundraiser by purchasing the spring blooming bulbs you plant in the fall through this campaign and then share with your friends and neighbors the same opportunity. Purchases are paid for at the time of sale and the bulbs are shipped directly to the customer. Purchases can be made in person at the church or directly on line through the Missions and Ministries in Bloom fundraiser website on [flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://flowerpowerfundraising.com). Help reach our goal through posts and shares on Facebook, with just a few clicks and key strokes we can reach out into our community for additional support of our goal.

The campaign kicks off August 6th and ends October 7th. Catalogs will be available in the narthex and information will be shared on line. Questions? Ask Peggy Singlemann.

## **Thursday, Oct. 4 at 4:15 — 4:45 PM ▶ **Laurel Hill Singers****

Let's make a joyful noise each Thursday afternoon 4:15 to 4:45 PM. Come sing in the Children's Choir. All children 12 and under are invited. Bring a friend. Bring two friends. Practice will start Thursday, October 5th at 4:15 PM. Heather Carlson-Jaquez will lead the choir with the assistance of church members. Heather is a teacher in Laurel Hill's school program. If you are interested in helping, contact Meade Welch at 795-1179.



## **Chrismon Gathering**

### **Sat., Oct 7 at 10:00am**

Advent Season will be here before you know it!

If you are interested in helping to make new Chrismon ornaments for the Sanctuary Chrismon Tree, we will be gathering in the fellowship hall on Saturday Oct.7 at 10:00 am. I have been busy collecting supplies and information about the meaning of each symbol and history of the Chrismon tree. The ornaments will already be cut out but people are needed to decorate them. Please bring a bag lunch and be prepared to have a wonderful morning of fellowship.

Blessings, Sheree Gostel



### **ROOF REPAIR...**

Over the last few years, we have had problems with our Sanctuary roof leaking and being damaged by rain or blowing snow. We have received an estimate for work that will solve our problems, but we need your help to get the work done. The estimate was \$2,200 and after Administrative Council action, we're only \$500 short of what we need. If you can help with this project, please designate your gift to the Repair Fund. Thanks, Norman

# Laurel Hill UMC Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

4:30 pm

Events include: Costume contest, games, dinner, trick-or-treating

## DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

- Individually wrapped candy
- Volunteers for game stations
- Volunteers to decorate and run trick-or-treating doors
- Batches of cookies, cupcakes, and brownies for cake walk
  - Volunteers for set up and clean up
- Food, drinks, and dessert – please contact for more information
  - Monetary donations

Please contact Candace Legouffe for donation details and sign up

Email: [Legouffe14@gmail.com](mailto:Legouffe14@gmail.com) Phone: 804-317-6986

WE'RE INTRODUCING ONLINE GIVING TO LAUREL HILL



LOOK AND LISTEN FOR DETAILS EACH SUNDAY  
DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



## OCTOBER IS OUR COLLECTION MONTH FOR STUFFED ANIMALS, BOOKS AND DVD'S

These items will be donated to the VCU/MCV Pediatric ER and also to the new Children's Hospital. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity. We will begin this collection Sunday, October 1, 2017.