



Pantops Beacon

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Mark your Calendar! Wilton Farm School Supplies Distribution

Sunday, August 3, 2:00-4:00 PM

Along with teachers and staff from Stony Point Elementary School, we will be distributing school supplies at Wilton Farm. We'll also be signing up for Kingdom Kids, which begins September 10.

PCC at The ARC

Wednesday, August 6, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 10th

We invite students of all ages to bring their backpack to church as we offer a prayer of blessing as students prepare to return to school.

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 PM

Hymn Sing at Rosewood Village Greenbrier

Tuesday, August 19, 2:00 PM

Camp Young at Heart

August 25-27, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

We've made a few changes to the schedule this year. We'll begin with worship at 10:00 AM and have two class periods instead of our previous three. Registration packets were emailed a few weeks ago, and are available at pantopsc.org.

Outdoor Worship, Picnic and Concert

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 AM

Pantops Community Celebration

Sunday, October 5, 2:00-4:00 PM

A New Worship Series

During the month of August, we start a new late-summer series in worship, "The Love Songs of Jesus" as we explore the deep and transformative ways in which Jesus loves us.

School Supplies for Wilton Farm

A list of supplies has not been posted yet, but presumably they will need the usual assortment of marble composition notebooks, two pocket folders, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, 3X5 index cards, markers, etc. A collection bin will be in the sanctuary hallway for your contributions.



August

2nd - Bruce Woodzell

16th - Marilyn Hantske

6th - Dorothy Cluff

18th - Reba Woodzell

8th - Gail Duggan

21st - Dot Holliday

11th - Elaine Rinald

25th - John Williams

16th - Jean Colby

An Art and Soul Invitation

As part of the new Pantops Road art installation in the sanctuary, the Art and Soul group invites you to grab a white card off the board and add our own reflections through art, written word, or photograph.

Attendance on July 27, 2025

Worship - 38	Sunday School - 26
Budget	\$ 260.00
Other	\$ 155.00

Financial Summary as of June 30, 2025

Budget to Date	\$ 122,502.00
Actual Expenses to Date	\$ 112,241.00
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 107,763.00
Current Deficit	\$ 4,479.00

Loose plate offerings are designated for budgeted expenses. Thank you for your faithful financial support of Pantops.



A Message from our Pastor

How good could a stage play be with only two actors and one set? The answer: incredible! Last Friday evening, a group from Pantops went together to see one of the Virginia Theater Festival plays at UVA titled, “The Heart Sellers.” The play told the story of two immigrant women in 1973 who met at a grocery store while shopping for their family’s first ‘American Thanksgiving’ dinner. They ended up back at one of their apartments trying to cook a thoroughly frozen turkey. Who hasn’t been there! As they shared the space of a small apartment, they started to open up about the challenges of leaving home and trying to make a life in a new country. There were awkward silences, outbursts, bold confessions, and many tears. Finding community was hard in 1973 and it is still so difficult today. Watching the play made me proud that Pantops has longstanding partnerships with organizations like the IRC and with families from around the world for whom we have tried to be community over the years.

What also struck me from the play was the importance of empathy. We pass so many people in the grocery stores, the gas stations, and the doctor’s office. We don’t know their stories or what it is like to walk a day in their shoes. We don’t know the struggles that consume them right under the surface of a smile and the usual, ‘I’m fine.’ Yes, it may be awkward, but what if we took the time to try to learn some of those stories? What if we took the risk to share bits of our story? Would we find the community we long for in the space between two people, us and them, and wouldn’t that look like the kingdom of God?

In Christ,
Matt Roberts

Christian Concerns

Paul Chernauskas, Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie, Cal Morris, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels, Joseph Sesay

Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Pete Hildebrand. A graveside service will be held at Holly Memorial on Thursday, July 31 at 11:00 AM. The visitation will be on Wednesday, July 30 from 7-8 PM at Hill and Wood.

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Pantops Community Church
1525 Stony Point Road
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Sermon Title: “Jesus Loves You Like a Pop Song”

Rev. Matt Roberts

Text: Psalm 46:1-11

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and Online
at 11:00 AM

July 30, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Deacons Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Wilton Farm School Supplies 2:00-4:00	4 AA Meeting 7:00	5 AA Meeting 7:30	6 PCC at The Arc 11:00-1:00 Art in the Park 5:00 (Wilton Farm)	7 Men's Breakfast at Tip Top 9:00	8	9 AA Meeting 7:00
10 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Backpack Blessing Messy Church Planning Meeting 12:00	11 AA Meeting 7:00	12 Embroidery Guild 11:00 AA Meeting 7:30	13 Park View Bible Study 1:00 Choir 5:00 Ice Cream Social 6:00	14	15	16 AA Meeting 7:00
17 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00	18 AA Meeting 7:00	19 Hymn Sing at Rosewood Village Greenbrier 2:00 AA Meeting 7:30	20 Park View Bible Study 1:00	21	22	23 AA Meeting 7:00
24 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Messy Church 3:00 –4:30	25 Camp Young at Heart 11:00-2:00 Aldersgate UMC AA Meeting 7:00	26 Camp Young at Heart 11:00-2:00 Aldersgate UMC Embroidery Guild 11:00 AA Meeting 7:30	27 Camp Young at Heart 11:00-2:00 Aldersgate UMC	28	29	30 AA Meeting 7:00
31 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 5th Sunday Hymn Sing						