

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Weekly

Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Church School, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Children's Library, Every Sunday

Women's Bible Study. (Every Friday, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.)

### Monthly

ACC Women's Fellowship, (Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)

Board of Trustees Meeting, (Third Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.)

Board of Deacons Meeting, (First Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.)

## Bulletin Board

Are you celebrating your anniversary, birthday or any milestone in your life? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office.



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### From the Ministers Desk

Dear Members and Friends:

Summer vacation is over! Sun-bathing, sun-baking days are over! Schools are calling back their students. Churches are calling back their congregations. The grind of life has begun again.

Sunday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m. marks the beginning of a new season; the regular worship of our church will be held as scheduled.

Attending the first service after full summer season is very important as it will set the pace for the rest of the year.

In our culture we all are experiencing "The Vogue of the Instant." We have not only instant coffee and soup, but also instant shopping, instant houses, instant exercise, and every push-button instant pleasure.

The most basic things in life, however, are not instant, but they take **time, energy, will, faith and involvement**. There is no such thing as instant character, instant wisdom, or instant maturity. The essential method of life is not instant.

Character, maturity, and religious faith are not achieved instantly but are achievable through continuing growth and dedication.

We are also reminded that the church is like a school, a school of **worship, fellowship, and service**. As we all know one of the important elements in learning is **continuity**.

Regularity of attendance and application of learning are absolutely necessary. Regularity of learning in everyday life has something vital to do with the progress a student makes.

By the same token, we cannot enjoy the benefits of our faith and character if we are "once-in-a-while Christians."

It is evident that a sporadic attender of the church learns very little about the Gospel or its practical meaning of workability in human life, nor does he usually learn how to worship corporately, nor does he really feel part of the fellowship of the group, nor does its ministry of service thrill him.

I urge you all to be regular attenders of our worship service beginning Sunday, September 2. You will be glad you did!

Faithfully yours,  
Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian



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Rally Sunday – September 9, 2018

Please plan on joining us as we kick off another season on Sunday, September 9th. Come and reconnect with friends and family as we meet up in class and then get together for a complementary lunch during the fellowship hour. Please make this the year that you plan the best you can to dedicate each Sunday to spending some time in God's house, learning His Word, building on your faith and begin directing your life on an inspiring path.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you soon.

Leslie Banerian  
Sunday School Co-superintendent

### First Choir Rehearsal

You are the chosen of the Lord  
To sing His highest praise;  
And through the medium of song  
To show His wondrous ways.

Yours is the privilege of grace;  
Your words His truth express;  
Through sacred music you promote  
The cause of righteousness.

So lift your voice with one accord  
And let your anthems ring;  
The people will be richly blessed,  
And God will hear you sing!

So, Choir Members (and others who are interested), come and lift up your voices; your first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 9th, following the Coffee Hour.

### Women's Christian Fellowship

Plan now to attend our first meeting of the new calendar year on Sunday, September 9th, following the Morning Worship Service. Bring your thoughts and ideas for events and activities we can plan for our Congregation and the Armenian Community at large. All ladies of the Church are invited and welcomed to attend!!

Carole Basmadjian, President  
Women's Christian Fellowship

### ACC Gratefully Acknowledges the following Donations

**Dr. & Mrs. Ed Bayleran** - In honor of Susan Gopigian's Birthday

**Dr. & Mrs. Ed Bayleran** - In memory of Margaret Dildilian

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**Drs. Donald and Martha Missirlian** - in memory of Robert Missirlian

### Book of Life

#### Engaged:

**Marianne Mousigian** to Christopher Jurczak.  
A June 1, 2019 wedding is being planned.

**Maryann Mugerian**, daughter of Marjorie Nanian.

#### Married:

**Sarine Krikorian and Sean Collins**, on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

#### To Be Baptized:

**Baby William Haig Machermer**, son of William and Lena Danayan Machermer, on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

#### Rest in Peace:

**Margaret Dildilian**, a former member, entered her rest on June 27, 2018. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at A.J.Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. A private family service was held at a later date.

**Leo Yesayian**, most recently residing in Keller, Texas, entered his rest in July 2018. A Memorial Service is being planned for Labor Day Weekend in Texas.

### The Most Expensive Thing in The Church

If you were asked, "What is the most expensive thing in your church?" what would your answer be?

Would you say the pastor, the organ, repair and maintenance, benevolences? It is none of these. It is not even all these things put together...

The most expensive thing in the church is the empty pew.

Think of how we have given, labored and saved in order to have a church building, beautifully fitted with pews. But what good are those pews if they are ever empty?

The empty pew is costly to the congregation...

It means that souls that ought to be fed are not being nourished...

It means that those who ought to be supporting the work of the Lord are not doing so...

The empty pew is costly both to God and man.

Members and friends, we welcome and invite you to help us keep the church pews filled every Sunday. Then each Lord's Day will be a celebration for each of us!

### Armenian Tree Project

On Sunday, April 29, Jeanmarie Papelian, Esq., Executive Director of the Armenia Tree Project, made a special presentation during the coffee hour following worship.

The Armenia Tree Project is a non-profit program based in Woburn, Massachusetts and Yerevan, Armenia. They conduct important environmental projects in Armenia's cities and villages and seek support in advancing their reforestation mission. More than 5,300,000 trees have been planted to reforest Armenia, and hundreds of jobs have been created for Armenians in seasonal tree-related programs.

ATP works on three major program initiatives:

1. Planting Trees at Urban and Rural Sites
2. Environmental Education
3. Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction.

ATP has a full-time staff in Armenia of over 80 people. The Yerevan office manages four state-of-the-art tree nurseries and two environmental education centers, partners with villages to create tree-based micro-enterprise opportunities, creates urban green

belts for public use, restores degraded forest lands, and employs hundreds of part-time workers to plant new forests.

### Living Water Women's Bible Study

We are all searching for something in life. Every core belief we have, every thought we dwell on, every decision we make, every step we take, results in a variety of consequences. Some consequences are good and others are bad. However, we are ever searching for a sense of fulfillment, completeness and wholeness. We often refer to this as happiness. We chose a job or career that makes us happy. We start or end relationships to make us happy. We are motivated to achieve, accomplish, even help others with an underlying need to feel good about ourselves and be happy. Happiness is a feeling that comes and goes based on external circumstances which we often can't control. In contrast, joy and peace can be a constant in our lives as we develop a sense of wholeness and completeness by drawing ourselves closer to our creator and Lord.

As women living in our current culture, we have many different roles and responsibilities. Our busy lifestyles can be an obstacle in achieving joy and peace. Psalm 23 tells us, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want". This Psalm can breathe new life into women who desire God's peace and joy. Please join us for a 7-session Bible study that will help you gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. All women are welcome to explore the depths of God's compassionate care, and learn how your vulnerability can be a strength essential to relying on God.

The Women's Bible Study will meet at the Armenian Congregational Church starting on Friday, September 28, 2018. We will start at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Please feel free to contact me or the church office if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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