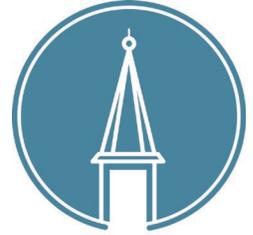




# The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

January 2019

*God calls Christiansburg Presbyterian Church to be a welcoming, loving, and diverse community that offers people the opportunity to journey toward the fullest expression of their Christian faith.*

## *Parsonally Speaking . . .*

This past year has been a wonderful time to be part of CPC's community of faith! I am very grateful to have shared another year with you! Now that 2018 has come to an end, I'd like to give you a heads-up on some upcoming church events in this first month of 2019:

- **Special Worship Service, January 13:** The liturgical designation for Sunday, January 13, is "Baptism of the Lord." This is a day set apart for special attention to Jesus' baptism, and a very fitting time for us to reflect upon the meaning of our own baptisms as well. Here at CPC we will again this year celebrate and reaffirm our Christian baptism in a special service, "**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant.**" Please plan to be a part of this service that has become a deeply moving tradition in our worship life. What a great way to get the new year off to a good start!
- **Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck "Churchwide Birthday Party," Sunday, January 27:** Please plan to stay after worship for CPC's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary right after the worship service. You could think of the Annual Congregational Meeting as our church's yearly



"Town Meeting." It's a chance for anyone and everyone to bring up any subject they wish. Opinions may be expressed freely, questions asked, and feelings shared. This is an important time for our church, so please be sure to attend. Following the meeting, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate everyone's birthday with a potluck lunch and lots of fun and fellowship. We'll have twelve tables, one for each month. Everyone will sit with others whose birthday is in the same month. Table Hosts are needed for each table to provide a birthday cake and decorations. To volunteer, please contact Bru Brubaker (230-2348), Ginny Poff (382-8564), or Shelda Wills (382-2802). See you there!

- **Are you a spiritual wanderer, wonderer, seeker, or doubter? Have you ever felt alienated, marginalized, or hurt by the traditional theology of the Church? Are you frustrated with traditional Christian doctrines that no longer "work" for you? If so, please come and give "Christianity Re-formed" a try.** "Christianity Re-formed" is a new Sunday Morning Journey Group for adults that I'll be leading beginning on January 6. In the class, we'll be exploring what some theologians have called "alternative orthodoxy" – thoughtful "re-formed" approaches to Christian theology for people who have grown restless or disillusioned with traditional teachings. *(cont. on p. 3)*



## *Don't Forget . . . New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins This Month!*

9:30 to 10:15 a.m. – Journey Groups for all ages  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Worship

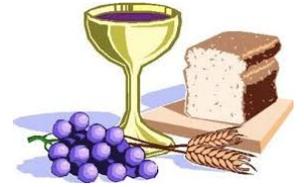


## *A Place to Pray*

CPC's Prayer Chapel is located on the ground floor of the church building, next to the Multi-Purpose Room. Anyone who seeks a quiet space for individual prayer or meditation is invited to use the Prayer Chapel, which is available during regular church office hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) and any other times the building is open. To arrange use of the Prayer Chapel at other times, please contact the church office (382-2802).

## *Communion for Those Who Can't Make It to Church*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is available for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to attend worship. To have the sacrament brought to you, please call the church office (382-2802). Anyone who wishes to request Communion for a family member or relative who is not able to make the request her/himself may do so by calling the church.



## *Visit Us on the Web*

Web Page: [www.christiansburgpres.org](http://www.christiansburgpres.org)

Facebook Page: Christiansburg Presbyterian Church

E-mail: [cpchurch@usit.net](mailto:cpchurch@usit.net)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org](http://www.peakspresbytery.org)

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic: [www.synatlantic.org](http://www.synatlantic.org)

Presbyterian Church, USA: [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

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### ***Sunday Worship Schedule (New This Year!)***

9:30 a.m. – Journey Groups for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.

Articles may be submitted in writing and left in the *GoodNews Letter* box next to the church office or submitted by email to Kathie Hollandsworth at [luraedythe@gmail.com](mailto:luraedythe@gmail.com).

The *GoodNews Letter* is distributed via an email message linked to CPC's website. If you would like to receive a hard copy by mail, please call 540-382-2802 or email the church office at [cpchurch@usit.net](mailto:cpchurch@usit.net).

## *Ushers for January*

Bev Bridges, Michael Dunn, Mary Osten, Bill Rhudy, Emily Winters, Gene Winters

## Parsonally Speaking . . . (cont. from p. 1)

“Christianity Re-Formed” will be starting on January 6 with Rob Bell’s book, *What Is the Bible: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*. Participants are asked to acquire their own copy of the book. Books under consideration for future study include: *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity’s Struggle for New Beginnings*, by John Philip Newell; *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World’s Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*, by Brian

McLaren; *If Grace Is True: Why God Will Save Every Person*, by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. If this sounds interesting to you, please come and give the class a try! In the meantime, if you have any questions about this new Sunday Morning Journey Group, feel free to give me a holler!

- **And finally, a very happy and blessed New Year to all!!**

Peace and all good,

Don



## Presbyterian Women News

PW circle meetings will resume this month. The Merry Hearts Circle will meet Sunday, **January 6, at 12:00 p.m.** in Room 201 (Session Room), and the Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, **January 8, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Both circles will study Lesson Four of *God’s Promise – I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

Members are reminded to bring their 2018 Blessing Box Offering that they saved throughout the past year to the January circle meetings. This Blessing Box Offering will benefit the refurbishing of the church nursery. During the February circle meetings, the Links of Love Offering for Sunnyside will be received.

## Sunday Morning Announcements

So that all may hear, everyone who has a special announcement to share on Sunday morning is asked to come to the front of the Sanctuary and use the microphone. *It is very helpful to sit on a front pew prior to the service, so you can easily and promptly come forward.* Then, after your announcement, feel free to sit wherever you wish.

Please give **special prayer requests or prayer updates** to Don Makin in writing prior to the service, so he may share them with the congregation and include them in the Prayers of the People.



## Inclement Weather Reminder

In the event of dangerous winter weather conditions, *any decision to cancel Sunday Morning Journey Groups and/or Worship will be made by 8:00 a.m. on the Sunday involved and will be recorded as an outgoing announcement on the church’s main telephone number answering machine, 382-2802. Cancellation news will also be forwarded to local television stations for public announcement.*



# Happy New Year 2019



## Community Engagement News

Many thanks to all who showed up to serve hot chocolate at the Christiansburg Christmas Parade! We had a great time together and showed the community that we are a living, vibrant church that cares. More pictures can be found on the website at <https://www.christiansburgpres.org/hot-chocolate/>



Photos courtesy of David Wheeler

### FEATURING: CPC YOUTH

For the month of January, we are featuring...  
(DRUM ROLL, PLEASE!)



### LAWSON HAMILTON

Go to <https://www.christiansburgpres.org/featuring-cpc-youth/> or click on Lawson's name above to view this feature!



## High School Progressive Dinner

Thanks upon thanks go out to Pat and Jay Goldammer, Vicki Kitts, and Kelli and David Wheeler for hosting, providing food, and transporting our youth for this fun and delicious evening! Enjoy more pictures by visiting the website:

<https://www.christiansburgpres.org/new-page/new-page/>



NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 AFTER WORSHIP UNTIL 1:30PM..

LUNCH INCLUDED!

## Gingerbread Houses

Families of young children gathered to decorate gingerbread houses on December 16. Everyone had a fantastic time and the houses looked fabulous! Thank you, Beth Newman, for providing the houses and facilitating this event!

More pictures can be found at

<https://www.christiansburgpres.org/gingerbread-houses/>





## *“5th Sunday Worship” to Continue This Year*



Our experiment with “5th Sunday Worship” has been an exciting and renewing experience for all of us – one which we plan to continue this year. There are four 5th Sundays in 2019, and the search is on for those who would like to help develop special worship services for those days.

The idea is to diversify our worship life each 5th Sunday by “trying on” alternate worship styles available to us in the Christian church. What kind of worship styles are we talking about? Examples include: contemporary, contemplative, Taizé, Appalachian, folk, multi-media, drama, Celtic, gospel, jazz . . . you name it!

*If you would be interested in being part of a planning/implementation team to develop 5th Sunday Worship services for 2019, please speak to Don Makin or call him at the church, 382-2802. Thanks!*

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## *Need a Helping Hand Around the House?*

CPC’s Men’s Group is dedicated to offering assistance to anyone in the church who may need a little help from time to time with small jobs at home. Need some furniture moved? A leaky faucet fixed? A running toilet repaired? A hard-to-reach light bulb replaced? Furnace filters changed? Smoke detector checked? Pictures or mirror hung? We would love to help . . . no charge!

Please call the church office (382-2802) to make your request. Your information will be passed on to us, and we will be in touch to set up a time. While we are not able to perform routine yard work (such as mowing, trimming, raking) or major repairs or renovations, we are eager to pitch in with the many smaller odd jobs that crop up around the house all the time.

Please do call the church office to let us know how we can lend a hand!



## *Remember Our Shut-In and Out-of-Town Members*

(For contact information on any of our shut-in or out-of-town members, please call the church office at 382-2802.)

*Dorothy Beasley*

*Charlotte Davis*

*Ray Obenshain*

*Estelle Chandler*

*Lois Morris*

*Edith Reed*

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# *We Welcome All Who Worship with Us*

We welcome all visitors to our worship services and activities. If you are a visitor, please know that your presence among us is noted and appreciated. We hope to see you again. Members, if you see neighbors or co-workers visiting us, please extend your personal greeting, and invite them to return. Let's be sure all our visitors know that they are welcome and needed here!



## *Spiritual Direction Available*

Jennifer Makin is available to assist individuals seeking to deepen in their personal relationship with God or who find themselves in the midst of spiritual crisis. The spiritual life is one of "formation" characterized by periods of healing, growth, and transformation as we gradually allow ourselves to know and be known by God. During such periods, it can be extremely helpful to have a spiritual companion or director who provides faithful listening in the context of a safe and trusting relationship where confidentiality is held in sacred trust. Jennifer is a developmental psychologist, spiritual director, massage therapist, and healing touch practitioner. As such, she has many tools and resources to draw upon to assist those on the path to wholeness. To make an appointment, you may call her at 382-2390, or email her at ringbearer01@hotmail.com.

## *Memorial Gifts*

- In memory of **I. W. Collins** by Shelda Wills
- In memory of **Loved Ones** by Carl & Pam King
- In memory of **Mary Alice Moore** by Shelda Wills
- In memory of **William & Ann Stewart** by Shelda Wills

## *Designated for the Sanctuary Doors Fund*

- In memory of **Clifford Costigan** by Iris Costigan

## *Designated for the Landscaping Fund*

- In memory of **I. W. Collins** by Gary & Vicki Kitts

## *Designated for the HVAC Fund*

- In memory of **her mother, Jan Williams**, by Sheila Mathews

## *Honorary Gifts*

## *Designated for the Sanctuary Doors Fund*

- In honor of **Todd, Carol, & Macy Costigan** by Iris Costigan
- In honor of **Robert & Evelyn Kimball becoming members of CPC in 1972**  
by Evelyn Kimball



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# January 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 – <i>New Year's Day – Church Office closed</i>	2 <i>No Choir Rehearsals Today</i>	3 4:00 PM Spiritual Listening Journey Group – Rm. 202	4	5
6 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 N Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	7 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	8 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – Rm. 201 6:30 PM Session Meeting – FH	9 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 5:45 PM Youth & Adult Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	10	11	12
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