



The Good News Letter



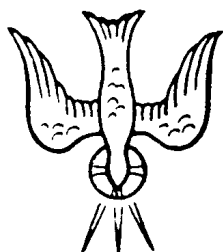
January 2020

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 2019 has come to an end, I'd like to give you a heads-up on a couple of upcoming traditional January events for this first month of 2020:

- **Special Worship Service, January 12:** The liturgical designation for Sunday, January 12, 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 "Church-wide Birthday Party," Sunday, January 26:** Please plan to stay after worship for CPC's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26. 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 to be a Table Host, please contact the Church Office (382-2802). See you there!

- **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 5 at 12:00 noon** in Room 201 (Session Room), and the Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, **January 7 at 10:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Both circles will study Lesson Four of *Love Carved in Stone – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Members are reminded to bring their 2019 Blessing Box Offering that they saved throughout the past year to the January circle meetings. This Blessing Box Offering will be used toward the redecorating of the Gathering Space. During the February circle meetings, the Links of Love Offering for the Sunnyside Communities will be received.

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.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

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.

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.

Ushers for January

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

Notes from the December Session Meeting

- Communications were received from the Presbytery of the Peaks Session Records Work Group, noting that CPC's 2018 Session minutes had been reviewed and approved without exception; from the Peaks Stated Clerk, confirming that Don Makin has been elected by the Presbytery to serve on the Committee on Ministry in the Class of 2022; from the staff of Good Samaritan Hospice, expressing appreciation for the use of the Sanctuary for their annual Memorial Service; from New River Community Action, expressing appreciation for a portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering designated for the Head Start Children's Dental Program; and from the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, expressing appreciation for the Thanksgiving Offering.
- The Session voted that CPC will host the November 19, 2020, meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks.
- The flat-screen monitor has been installed in the Gathering Space.
- CPC and Fairlawn Presbyterian Church will serve as support churches for the "To Our House" program February 15-21.
- Two possible Congregational Outreach Projects for 2020 were discussed, with at least one other project scheduled to be discussed at the next Session meeting.
- Paul Poff briefly reported on the November 21 Presbytery of the Peaks meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.
- The Compassion Ministry Team reported that the Practical Christian Living Sunday Morning Journey Group took charge of "Feeding the Flock" at Cooper House in December.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for November that showed income of \$24,129.91 and expenses of \$22,753.03, for a surplus of \$1,376.88. Year-to-date income is \$260,961.68, and expenses are \$255,169.43, for a surplus of \$5,792.25. A special Session Meeting will be called for December 29 following worship, to adopt the 2020 church budget and determine the recommended 2020 terms of call for the pastor for congregational vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting January 26.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that it will coordinate the reception that follows the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 21.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Worship Ministry Team that CPC implement a trial safety plan during worship from January through March 2020.
- The Session elected Pam King to serve as CPC's 2020 Church Treasurer.
- Appreciation was expressed to Dinah Arnott, Bill Craft, Boots Kinzie, Ginny Poff, and Bonnie Sumner, who are completing their current term of service on the Session; and to Savannah Hamilton, who is completing her term as a Youth Elder.
- The Session noted the reception of the following individuals on November 24: Jacquelyn Prestegaard by reaffirmation of faith; Terry and Shelley Hamlin by transfer from Southminster Presbyterian Church in N. Chesterfield, VA; Yvonne Thayer by transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Radford; Gail Patterson by transfer from Blacksburg United Methodist Church; Bain Wilson by transfer from Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC; and Helen Young by transfer from Fairview United Methodist Church in Riner.
- The Session noted the death of Dorothy Beasley on November 23.



Memorial Gifts

In memory of **Dorothy Beasley** by Shelda Wills and Presbyterian Women

In memory of **Nancy Moles** by Shelda Wills

Thanks for Your Care Packages!

CPC Family,

Thank you so much for the care package this past semester! Over the past 4.5 years, these were always so nice to receive. All of the snacks were great to have, but more so, it was comforting to know I had my church family praying for me. Thank you for everything! *Kenna Knowles*

CPC,

Thank you very much for the care package! As my first semester at Princeton Theological Seminary quickly draws to a close, I am putting the finishing touches on my last research paper and rigorously preparing for my Old Testament and Hebrew finals. I greatly appreciate you keeping me in your thoughts and prayers through this time of exam preparation. I look forward to coming home for Christmas before I head to Arizona this January for a special winter class on how the Book of Acts shapes worship services from Easter to Pentecost.

Happy Advent! Emily Sutphin



CPC Family,

I can't thank you enough for the continual care packages every semester and your support throughout college! I always looked forward to getting those around one of the toughest times of the year, finals week!

I am happy to say I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education on December 14th! I will begin graduate school in January at Concord University. I will be working toward a master's degree in reading to become a reading specialist.

Thank you so much again for everything. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated. I am so very grateful for you, my church family.

Bailey Knowles



Inclement Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement 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.*

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.



We Ring in January Celebrations . . .

Birthdays

Jan. 1	Elijah Brubaker	Jan. 15	Tim Lawson	Jan. 28	Katie Collins
	Wayne Miller	Jan. 16	Dan Brugh		Elizabeth Humphreys
Jan. 3	Ben Gorzycki		Steve Crate		Tara Owens
	Katie Osborne	Jan. 19	Estelle Dobbins		Nora Peeples
Jan. 5	Calvin Richardson	Jan. 20	John Love	Jan. 29	Amy Richardson
Jan. 6	Marie March		Anna Peeples		George Thomas
Jan. 8	Christy Brown		Jerry Smith	Jan. 30	Sarah Hamed
	Myra Conner		Jordan Vines		David Wheeler
	Susan Frank	Jan. 22	Elisabeth Beamer	Jan. 31	Robert Young
	Karen Hamed		Chelsea Peeples		
	Susan Young		Cheryl Peeples		
Jan. 11	Anne Greene		Julie Styne		
	Noel Krieg	Jan. 23	Mariella Hurley		
	Trudy van Luyn		Angie Little		
Jan. 12	Kaelyn St. Clair	Jan. 24	Susan Bell		
Jan. 13	Brenda Clark		Edwin Clements		
Jan. 14	Ray Obenshain		Edna Ruth Miller		
	Maggi Williams		Elayna Weatherspoon		

Anniversaries

Jan. 8	Mike & Jennie Reilly
Jan. 11	John & Kathie Hollandsworth



. . . and a New Arrival!

Tucker Eugene Bouchard, newborn son of Brad and Katie Bouchard, was born November 12 at Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery (7 lbs., 4 oz.; 19 in.). Congratulations and best wishes to Brad and Katie; to big sister and brother, Audrie and Cooper; to grandparents, Gene and Ann Winters; and to aunt, Emily Winters!

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.





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!

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.)

Estelle Chandler

Judy D'Ioia

Ray Obenshain

Charlotte Davis

Lois Morris

Edith Reed



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 – New Year's Day <i>Church Office closed</i>	2 4:00 PM Spiritual Listening Journey Group – Rm. 202	3	4
5 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 N Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	6 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	7 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – FH	8 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	9	10	11
12 – Baptism of the Lord 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship with Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant	13 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	14 6:30 PM Session Meeting - FH	15 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	16	17	18
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