

# The Good News Letter



February 2020

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*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.*

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## *Souper Bowl of Caring Is February 2*

More than 30 years ago, the “Souper Bowl” of Caring began with a simple prayer from a church youth group in South Carolina: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since that day, more than \$150 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the “Souper Bowl” of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money, and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need.

Everyone at CPC is invited to be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love. As in years past, CPC’s youth will collect food and monetary contributions for the “Souper Bowl” of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2. Youth will be posted at the Sanctuary doors following morning worship, holding soup pots to receive your donations of money and non-perishable food items. As you are able, please give generously. All proceeds will be given to the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program (MCEAP). On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, many thanks!



## *Valentine’s Luncheon after Worship February 9!*

On February 9, we will enjoy tons of fun and fellowship at the Valentine’s Luncheon, to benefit our youth going to Montreat this summer. See the special announcement on page 3 for more details!



## *Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday Service, February 26*

CPC will observe the beginning of this year’s season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on February 26. The service will include imposition of ashes.

Worshipers will have the option of coming to the front of the Sanctuary where the sign of the cross will be marked with ashes on their foreheads, while the traditional words are repeated, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Everyone is encouraged to come to this special service.



## *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*

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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](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 February*

Ralph Clements, Tom Greene, Jim Taylor, Tay Taylor, Kelli Wheeler, Patrick Wheeler





## *What Is "To Our House?" from Gary Overstreet*

CPC is proud to be a participating church in the "To Our House" (TOH) program for 2020. You might ask: What is this program?

TOH, a program of New River Community Action, has been in existence for approximately 10 years. The program provides winter overnight shelter for single, homeless men and women in the New River Valley from November through March each year. TOH has staff members that participate, but churches in the NRV volunteer to help host the individuals and provide meals for them (dinner, breakfast, and a bag lunch) over a 7-day period. The program also works to connect the individuals with resources that lead to employment, housing, and personal economic sustainability.



# To Our House

What role will CPC play in this endeavor? CPC has volunteered to be a support church one week in 2020. We will be working with Fairlawn Presbyterian Church to support New Life Christian Fellowship Church in Blacksburg during the week of February 16. The specific nights for CPC are February 19, 20, and 21 to provide dinner; and February 20, 21, and 22 to provide breakfast and lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us at CPC to express our "outward journey of service and ministry." For more information and to volunteer to help, please contact Gary Overstreet at 540-921-7860 or [garyoverstreet11@gmail.com](mailto:garyoverstreet11@gmail.com).



## Presbyterian Women News

February is "Links of Love" month for CPC's PW circles. The "Links of Love" offering is received each year in February for the Sunnyside Communities. This offering was started many years ago to raise extra money to help supplement funding and provide some little "extras" for the residents of Sunnyside. People are encouraged to give at least \$2, and more if possible, to help the Sunnyside residents in Harrisonburg.

The Merry Hearts Circle will meet Sunday, February 2, at 12:00 noon in Room 201 (Session Room). The Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Both circles will continue their discussions of the *Horizons* Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.



Members who were unable to attend the January circle meetings are reminded to bring their 2019 Blessing Box Offering that they saved throughout the past year to the circle meetings. This Blessing Box Offering will be used toward the redecorating of the Gathering Space.

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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!

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## 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.*

## *Notes from the January Session Meeting*

- The Session reaffirmed the Behavioral Covenant adopted in 2003 and agreed to follow its guidelines in 2020.
- Shelda Wills was elected Clerk of Session for 2020.
- A communication was received from the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, expressing appreciation for the second portion of the 2019 Thanksgiving Offering.
- The active and inactive membership rolls as of December 31, 2019, were reviewed.
- Two possible Congregational Outreach Projects for 2020 were discussed.
- Gary Overstreet was elected to serve as a commissioner to the February 13 Presbytery of the Peaks meeting at Forest Presbyterian Church.
- The Christian Formation Ministry Team reported that the Valentine's Luncheon fundraiser for the Montreat Youth Conference will take place February 9.
- The Compassion Ministry Team reported that it will coordinate CPC's support role in the "To Our House" program in February.
- The Session voted to adopt a budget of \$292,895 for 2020.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for December that showed income of \$47,522.66 and expenses of \$20,383.54, for a surplus of \$27,139.12. Year-to-date income is \$308,484.34, and expenses are \$275,552.97, for a surplus of \$32,931.37. The team also reported that 10 of the 21 ash trees on the church grounds have been removed.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that plans are progressing for the Churchwide Birthday Party on January 26, and that a "Movie Time" event will take place on February 16.
- The Session received an annual report from CPC's Presbyterian Women.
- The Session noted the death of CPC inactive member Edward Van Lear on December 21.

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## *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](mailto:ringbearer01@hotmail.com)





# February Brings Opportunities to Love

## Birthdays

Feb. 1 Kyle Hamley  
Jeremy Yuvanavattana  
Feb. 2 Betty Turner  
Feb. 4 Max Barton  
Cindy Fisher  
Sammantha Humphreys  
Kim Messner  
Daniel Morgan  
Mark Van Lear  
Feb. 5 Matt Overstreet  
Feb. 6 Dean Gall  
Jason Hamed  
Feb. 7 Travis Hudson  
Feb. 9 Mary Ann Fierros  
Feb. 10 Missy Hudson  
Thomas Keeling  
Feb. 11 Carol Antonio  
Reece Showalter  
Kyndall Stanley  
Maston Stanley  
John Wonderley

Feb. 12 Steve Knowles  
Andrew Woodyard  
Matthew Woodyard  
Feb. 13 Rachel Beamer  
Harvey  
Corbin Mathews  
Braelyn St. Clair  
Feb. 14 Sara Barnett  
Feb. 15 Lesley Wert  
Feb. 16 Lucas Dunn  
Peter Dunn  
Nolan Harris  
Ginny Poff  
Feb. 17 Ronald Barber  
Jordan Owens  
Raegan Poole  
Feb. 18 Kailie Keeling  
John Tuttle  
Feb. 21 John Greene  
Feb. 22 Rickey Horton  
Feb. 23 Christopher Keeling

Feb. 24 Martha Brubaker  
Phil Lambert  
Linda Muscatello  
Lillian Van Lear  
Feb. 25 George Brame  
Feb. 27 Sheree Andrews  
John Barnett



## Anniversaries

Feb. 4 George & Bev Thomas  
Feb. 5 Bill & Julie Campbell  
Feb. 9 Vernon & Edna Ruth  
Miller  
Feb. 11 Tom & Anne Greene

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## 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.)

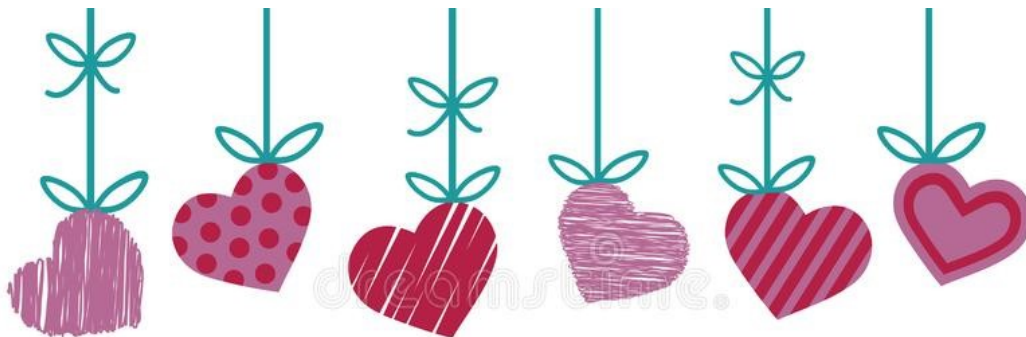
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*Estelle Chandler*  
*Charlotte Davis*

*Judy DiIorio*

*Ray Obenshain*  
*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!

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## *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.

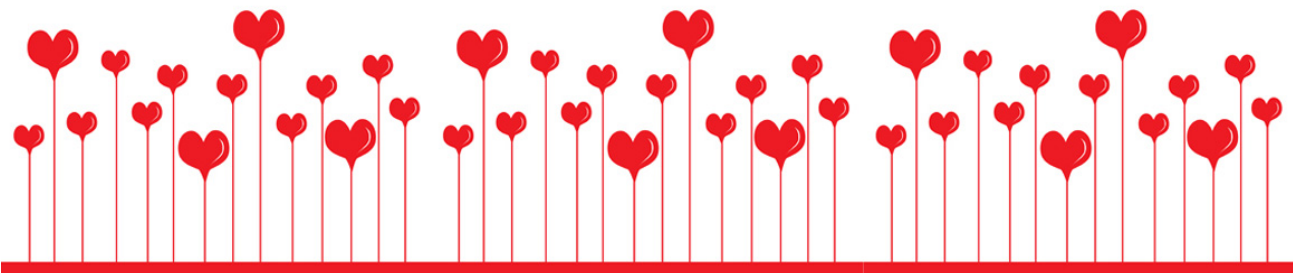


## *Memorial Gifts*

In memory of **Edward Van Lear** by Wayne & Pam King, the Kinzie Family, Gary & Vicki Kitts, Marc & Sharyl Ogle, and Shelda Wills

## *Designated for the Helping Hand Fund*

In memory of **Edward Van Lear** by Gene, Ann, and Emily Winters



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship – “Souper Bowl of Caring” Offering will be received <b>11:30 AM</b> Meeting of “To Our House” volunteers – FH <b>12:00 N</b> Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> Bethany Circle Meeting – FH	<b>5</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children’s Ensemble – Rm. 107 <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	<b>6</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Spiritual Listening Journey Group – Rm. 202	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 N</b> Youth prepare for Valentine’s Luncheon fundraiser – FH
<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Valentine’s Luncheon Fundraiser for Montreat Youth Conference <b>5:30 PM</b> UKirk Chili Cook-Off at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Session Meeting - FH	<b>12</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children’s Ensemble – Rm. 107 <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting at Forest Presbyterian Church	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Graveside service for Lois Morris at Sunset Cemetery
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> “Movie Time and Popcorn” All-Church Fellowship Event – Youth Center	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children’s Ensemble – Rm. 107 <b>5:30 PM</b> Provide support for “To Our House” <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Provide support for “To Our House” <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Provide support for “To Our House”	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26 – Ash Wednesday</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children’s Ensemble – Rm. 107 <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>