



The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

March 2018

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.

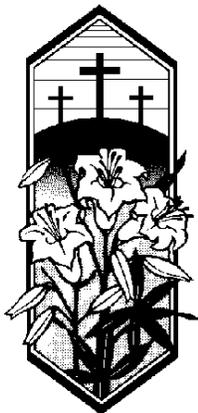
Personally Speaking . . .

- **A big welcome to our newest members!**
Please join me in welcoming the following wonderful folks who became members at CPC on Sunday, February 11:
 - **Phil and Susan Daniels**, who come to us from Huffville United Methodist Church in Pilot;
 - **Evelyn Kimball**, who comes to us from Blacksburg Presbyterian Church; and
 - **Mary Osten**, who comes to us from Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke.

Be sure to greet and welcome our new members personally!

- **I would like to invite and encourage you to participate** in the following special services and events through which we are observing Holy Week and Easter this year:

- **Palm Sunday, March 25** – Holy Week begins
- **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.** – Joint Maundy Thursday Worship Service with St. Paul United Methodist Church. This year the service will be at CPC, and St. Paul’s pastor, the Rev. Paul Song, will be preaching. Nursery provided.
- **Good Friday, March 30** – CPC’s Sanctuary will be open for individual meditation and prayer. A devotional guide will be available. Come and go as you are able.
- **Easter Day, April 1** – Plans are still in progress for the Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast, and Children’s Easter Egg



Hunt, so stay tuned. Our Easter Worship Service will be in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and will include receiving this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. For more information about this offering, keep reading . . . *(cont. on p. 3)*

An Invitation to “Consider CPC”

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of CPC, and you want to know more about our church and what it means to be Presbyterian? Or, are you already a CPC member, and you’d like a refresher course? Either way, you’re cordially invited to the next “**Consider CPC**” class that will be offered on **Sunday, April 8, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

We’ll begin with a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall, enjoying good food and one another’s company. Then there will be a time for discovering more about CPC and being Presbyterian. One of the highlights of the class will be a tour of our facility, revealing some “little-known secrets” about the church building!

Sponsored by the Good News Ministry Team, “**Consider CPC**” is offered twice each year.

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Remember to Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

Be sure to set clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, or you’ll be running late in the morning!



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.



Care NEWS Line: 382-NEWS

Who's in the hospital? Who's grieving? Who's celebrating? For regularly updated reports on the prayer concerns and joys of our church (members and their families, regular participants and their families, former pastors and their families), call our 24-hour **CareNEWS Line** any time, day or night. The number is 382-NEWS (382-6397).



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 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 e-mail to Kathie Hollandsworth at luraedythe@gmail.com.

The *GoodNewsLetter* 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 e-mail the church office at cpchurch@usit.net.

CPC Ministry Team Contact Persons

Want more information about what the church's Ministry Teams are doing? Ready to offer to serve with one of the teams in its ministry here at CPC? Here's who to contact:

Christian EducationDean Gall
Congregational Care Pam Goff
Fellowship Ginny Poff
Good News Shelda Wills
Missions Paul Poff
Property Bill Craft
Stewardship & Personnel Jay Muscatello
Worship Kathie Hollandsworth

Ushers for March

Anna Chamberlayne, John Greene, Kim Rhodes, Steve Rhodes, Sue Taylor, Tay Taylor

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

About the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering: Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. The One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering helps us share this same good news with those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society. Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of real people. Today, projects supported by OGHS are underway in more than 100 countries. Your gifts help to carry out the work of:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

- **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, which takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities.
- **Self-Development of People**, which partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

At CPC, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship on Easter Day, April 1. As you are able, please plan to give generously. On behalf of all who will benefit from your help, many thanks!

Peace and All Good,

Don

“Consider CPC” . . . (cont. from p. 1)

While the class is not a requirement for joining the church – nor does taking part in the class obligate you to join – it is hoped that many participants will choose to become members of our church family (May 6 is the anticipated date for our next new member Sunday).



Because lunch is being provided, reservations are required so we'll know how many to expect. To attend the **“Consider CPC”** class on April 8, please contact Shelda Wills or Don Makin in the church office, 382-2802, *no later than Sunday, April 1*. Upon request, child care will be available.

Presbyterian Women News



CPC will host the Spring Gathering for Presbyterian Women in the New River Valley, Roanoke Valley, and Highlands Neighborhoods on Sunday afternoon, April 22. Registration with light refreshments will be available from 2:30-3:00 p.m. The Gathering will convene at 3:00 p.m. and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. More details will be available at circle meetings and in next month's newsletter.

The Merry Hearts Circle will meet Monday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m., and the Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, March 6, at 10:45 a.m. Both circles will meet in Room 201 (Session Room) to continue their discussions of the *Horizons Bible Study, Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier.

Attention, High School Graduates!

CPC's high school graduates will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 20. All graduates who would like to be recognized that day are asked to complete a graduate information form. Do you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating from high school this spring? Please let them know about this upcoming celebration. Forms are available in the church office.



April 29, 2018 - Mark Your Calendar!!



Imagine, what if our church doors were closed on a Sunday morning? Relax, please relax; there is no cause for alarm, CPC is well and functioning, and our doors will be open every Sunday, except one. April 29th of this year, our doors will not be open because? By now you should know it will be the 5th Sunday of April – the 29th – when our entire congregation will be visiting the three predominately African-American churches in Christiansburg. On that Sunday, we will have Sunday School at our usual 9:30 time, but there will be no 11:00 service in our Sanctuary that day.



By the way, have you marked your calendar for our “Joining Hands with Our Neighbors” event on April 29th? We will pause for a few minutes for you to do so..... Please remember, this is a family visitation, meaning our entire church family will be visiting, as well as your family, and that includes babies, children, and everyone in your family.



Early in April you will be receiving details about our visitation to Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Greater Mt. Zion United Holiness Church, and Asbury United Methodist Church. Please remember, these three churches will be asking their members to spread out throughout their sanctuaries in order to leave room for all of us to mingle with our hosts.



For any of our members who might have been unable to worship with us in a while, we hope to see you soon. If not, perhaps April 29th could be a meaningful time for your family to reconnect with CPC and join us by extending your hand in love and friendship to our neighbors.



As we said before, we know the warm fellowship we experience at CPC will be carried into these churches, and all who participate will come back having made new friends and with wonderful stories to share.



Notes from the February Session Meeting

- Elders participated in a discussion of Chapter 1 of Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*.
- The Session approved the 2017 Annual Statistical Report to be forwarded to the Presbytery of the Peaks.
- Communications were received from Massanetta Springs, Women's Resource Center, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech, Valley Interfaith Child Care Center, and New River Community Action's Dental Care Program and To Our House, each expressing appreciation for the first-quarter benevolence gift; from the American Cancer Society, expressing appreciation for the remainder of the Relay for Life funds; from the Montgomery County Christmas Store, expressing appreciation for financial assistance; from New River Community College, expressing appreciation for food and financial assistance for the NRCC mall site; and from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, expressing appreciation for financial assistance for hurricane relief.
- The Worship Ministry Team reported that discussions have occurred about the need for chancel area space; the Spring Concert featuring "The Panjammers" is scheduled for May 6; the usher teams are complete; the communion service has been polished; and banners and a projector and screen are being researched for the Sanctuary.
- The Session approved recommendations from the Worship Ministry Team that Taylor Baldwin be granted permission to return to AIMS this summer, if he chooses to do so; and that up to \$1,200 from the Memorial Fund be designated to modify the large communion table/altar to create more space in the chancel area.
- The Good News Ministry Team reported that the rebuilt website is now "live," and that discussions continue about a digital or LED replacement sign for the front of the church and a re-design of the main hallway area to make it more of a gathering space and location for information.
- The Missions Ministry Team reported that "Feed the Flock" at Cooper House is covered for February, and plans are being made for April.
- The Fellowship Ministry Team reported that it will coordinate a soup luncheon on March 18, with proceeds benefiting the youth who will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference.
- The Session approved recommendations from the Property Ministry Team that up to \$4,000 from the Memorial Fund be used to offset the expense of refinishing the front doors of the Sanctuary, including the upper panels; and that a "for rent" sign be posted on the Union Valley property as an initial step in declaring CPC's ownership of that parcel.
- The Session accepted a letter from Martie Ludden, who has reviewed CPC's 2017 financial transactions and found them to be in order; and voted that she should be approved to conduct the review of the 2018 financial transactions.
- The Session approved the finalized job description for Director of Youth Ministries and Community Engagement.
- The income and expense report for January showed income of \$18,605.27 and expenses of \$33,281.33, for a deficit of \$14,676.06.
- In addition to a written report, the Director of Youth Ministries and Community Engagement reported that she sends a "Youth Weekly Update" by email and text to youth and parents; continues working on the website; and is working with representatives from Asbury, Park, and St. Paul United Methodist churches on the possibility of a community Vacation Bible School in July.
- The Session approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Cooper Bouchard, son of Brad and Katie Winters Bouchard, on April 1; and 2018 study leave and vacation dates for the pastor.
- The Session noted the reception of Phil and Susan Daniels, Evelyn Kimball, and Mary Osten by transfer of membership on February 11.



The Valentine's luncheon fundraiser for Montreat was a big success! Thank you to all those who helped with the event, contributed financially, and attended the luncheon. A great time was had by all!

You can look at pictures from the event by following this link:

[Valentine's Luncheon](#)

Youth Group joined together for a fun outing to NRV Superbowl on February 25th. They enjoyed lunch, bowling, games, fellowship and birthday cake, celebrating our January and February birthdays! The next gathering will take place on March 11 after Worship in the Tin Shop, when we will enjoy lunch together and work on a mission project. As always, please bring a friend!

High School Coffee Hour has proven to be a rewarding experience for all involved! If you would like to be included on our list of adults who participate in this intergenerational time of fellowship each Sunday, please contact Julie at jnealcpc@gmail.com or by calling the church office.

SOUP LUNCHEON MARCH 18

The Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a Soup Luncheon fundraiser for our youth attending the Montreat Youth Conference on this date after worship. Please consider bringing a Crock Pot of your favorite soup to share and support our youth!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEWS

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE YET?
YOU SHOULD! THE ADDRESS IS THE SAME:
CHRISTIANSBURGPRES.ORG**

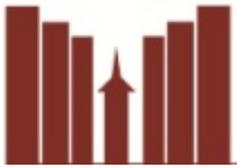
**PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK BY CLICKING ON THE
WEBMASTER LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS AN ONGOING EFFORT
THAT NEEDS EVERYONE'S SUPPORT! IF YOU HAVE IDEAS
OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
OR SPECIAL EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE VIA THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR AT JNEALCPC@GMAIL.COM**

Let's Journey Together...



Thanks for Supporting CPC Missions and Ministries!



A big thank you to the Practical Christian Living Sunday School Class for helping to “Feed the Flock” at UKirk in February, especially Dave & Pam Goff and Elbert & Boots Kinzie!
CPC Missions Ministry Team – Paul Poff, Chair

... and from UKirk:

Many thanks to all who supported our 20th annual Chili Cook-off! Over 90 happy chili tasters voted for their favorite chili, bought baked goodies, and bid on silent auction items. Our students raised over \$1,800 to support their Guatemala trip and other activities. Thanks to all who so faithfully support this ministry.



Matthew Anama, student leader, and Forrest Thye, longtime Chili Champion, present the 2018 Chili Champion Award to Juan Espinoza, accepting for Kara Espinoza.



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 Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of extreme winter weather conditions, *any decision to cancel Sunday School 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.*





Recent Birth

Eleanor (Nora) Reaves Peeples, daughter of Anderson and Ginny Peeples, was born January 28, at Lewis-Gale Montgomery Hospital. Congratulations and best wishes to Anderson and Ginny; grandparents, John and Cheryl Peeples; and uncle/aunt/cousin, Taylor, Chelsea, and Anna Peeples!

March Winds Blow in Celebrations!



Birthdays

Mar. 1 Jody Humphreys
 Mar. 2 Savannah Hamilton
 Jeff Hamley
 Mar. 3 Denise Dabney
 Charlie Rumpf
 Mar. 4 Arcadia Doak
 Lynda Hubble
 Jere Johnson
 Melissa Lawson
 Carolyn Relly
 Mar. 6 Samuel Dunn
 Sara Snow
 Mar. 7 Sharon Scott
 Mar. 8 Ralph Clements
 Mar. 9 Grant Gunther
 Mar. 10 Molly Andrews
 Pam Minter
 Nancy Nixon
 Mar. 11 Jake Hamley
 Krissy Rumpf

Mar. 12 Alice Alley
 Daquan Hamley
 Matthew Richardson
 Mar. 14 Sandra McDowell
 Fiona Thomas
 Mar. 15 Emma Barber
 Eben Collins
 Don Makin
 Olivia Rutledge
 Mar. 18 Bev Thomas
 Mar. 22 Lois Morris
 Mar. 23 Michelle Hubble
 Paul Newman
 Sharyl Ogle
 Cheryl St. John
 Mar. 24 Kymn Davidson-
 Hamley
 Mar. 25 Drew Newman
 Claudia Pugh
 Mar. 27 Ralph Dobbins

Mar. 28 Bruce Board
 Jodie Smith Stevens
 Mar. 29 Niki Badillo
 Floyd Childress
 Bob Fisher
 Mar. 30 Jake Snow
 Bob van Luyn
 Mar. 31 Nancy Showalter
 Kamryn St. Clair

Anniversaries

Mar. 1 Michael & Suzanne Dunn
 Mar. 6 George & Debbie Brame
 Mar. 16 Les & Yali Beamer
 Mar. 17 Wayne & Pam King
 Mar. 23 John & Jean Wonderley
 Mar. 30 Dick & Pat Horne



Spiritual Direction Available

Jennifer Makin is a Commissioned Ruling Elder at CPC and 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 very 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 e-mail her at ringbearer01@hotmail.com.



For Easter: Lilies and Landscaping

Contributions will gratefully be accepted for the purchase of Easter lilies to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Day, *and/or* toward the cost of outside spring and summer landscaping at CPC. You are invited to give *any* amount for either or both purposes. (The full cost of a single lily this year is \$11.) The names of all who contribute will be listed in the worship bulletin on Easter Day. **Final deadline for contributions is Monday, March 12.** Thank you!

<i>FOR LILIES</i>	<i>FOR OUTSIDE LANDSCAPING</i>
<p>Donor(s): _____ _____</p> <p><u>Given (please check):</u></p> <p>___ in memory of: _____ _____</p> <p>___ in honor of: _____ _____</p> <p>___ to the glory of God</p> <p>___ other: _____ _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount for lilies:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>	<p>Donor(s): _____ _____</p> <p><u>Given (please check):</u></p> <p>___ in memory of: _____ _____</p> <p>___ in honor of: _____ _____</p> <p>___ to the glory of God</p> <p>___ other: _____ _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount for outside landscaping:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>

Please make checks payable to Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, designated for "Easter flowers." Many thanks!

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:00 PM Spiritual Listening Group – Rm. 202	2	3
4 – 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	5 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	6 9:00 AM Wisdom Circle meets at Jennifer Makin's house 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	7 3:30 PM Harmony Choir & Good Vibrations* 4:30 PM Melody Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8	9	10
11 – 4th Sunday in Lent 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time begins 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 N Grades 5-12 Youth meet in Tin Shop	12 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	13 9:00 AM Wisdom Circle meets at Jennifer Makin's house 6:30 PM Session Meeting – FH	14 3:30 PM Harmony Choir & Good Vibrations* 4:30 PM Melody Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	15	16	17
18 – 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 N Soup Luncheon Fundraiser for Montreat Youth Conference – FH 12:00 N Passive Giving Sign-ups – Main Hallway	19 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	20 9:00 AM Wisdom Circle meets at Jennifer Makin's house 6:00 PM Ministry Team Meeting Night begins Newsletter Deadline	21 3:30 PM Harmony Choir & Good Vibrations* 4:30 PM Melody Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	22	23	24
25 – Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship	26 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	27 9:00 AM Wisdom Circle meets at Jennifer Makin's house	28 3:30 PM Harmony Choir & Good Vibrations* 4:30 PM Melody Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	29 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary	30 – Good Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation	31

*Good Vibrations: grades 3-8 handbells; Harmony Choir: grades 3-8 singers; Melody Choir: preschool-grade 2 singers;
Chancel Ringers: youth & adult handbells; Chancel Choir: grade 9-adult singers

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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!



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

Pat Goldammer

Lois Morris

Estelle Chandler



Ray Obenshain

Charlotte Davis

Nancy Showalter



Memorial Gift

In memory of **Martin McMillion** by Faye Howard

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!

