



The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

May 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.

Lots to Celebrate May 19



Sunday, May 19, will be a big day at CPC, as we recognize our Class of 2019 High School Graduates. We'll be inspired by special music as our choirs conclude their year of service, and we'll be expressing appreciation to our 2018-19 Sunday Morning Journey Group Teachers. Following the worship service, please come to the Fellowship Hall for a reception in honor of the graduates, choirs, and teachers. So much to be grateful for – don't miss it!

An Invitation from the "Christianity Re-Formed" Sunday Morning Journey Group



The "Christianity Re-formed" Sunday Morning Journey Group announces a new book study starting on Sunday, May 5: *If Grace Is True – Why God Will Save Every Person*, by Philip Gulley & James Mulholland.

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. This Sunday Morning Journey Group for adults is 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.

If this sounds interesting to you, please come and give the class a try! We meet in the kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Questions? Please contact the class leader, Don Makin, 382-2802.

Presbyterian Women News

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering is usually received in circle meetings in May. Four recipients have been selected for the 2019 Birthday Offering, and all women are encouraged to give generously.



The first recipient is the **Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte** in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Birthday Offering grant will help provide a warehouse and parking lot with security fencing so that the Disaster Response Team can expand its ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. (cont. on p. 3)

No Changes to Sunday Morning Schedule This Summer

There will be no time changes to our Sunday morning schedule this year for the months of June, July, and August. Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. Children's and Youth Journey Groups will not meet during the summer. Adult Journey Groups have the option to take the summer off or to meet at their regular time.

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 (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.

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 May

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

Presbyterian Women (cont. from p. 1)

The second recipient of this year's PW Birthday Offering is the **Effingham Child Development Center Inclusive Playground** in Effingham, Illinois. The Birthday Offering grant will improve the center's playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment for children of differing abilities.

The third recipient is the **Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc. Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center** in Phelps, Kentucky. The Birthday Offering grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses, and lift recliners for people who are sick, poor, lonely,



or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health.

The fourth recipient is the **Wings of Refuge Restoration Home** in Iowa Falls, Iowa. The Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women victimized by human trafficking will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.

The Merry Hearts Circle will meet Monday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201; and the Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 10:45 a.m. at the home of Shirley Downs. Both circles will continue their discussions of the *Horizons Bible Study, God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

Memorial Gifts

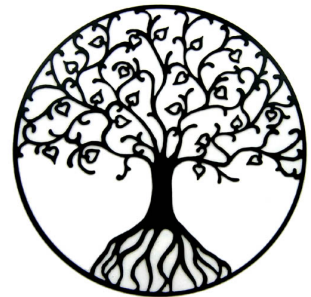
In memory of **Tony Antonio** by Shelda Wills

Designated for the Seasonal Music Fund

In memory of **Tony Antonio** by Gary & Vicki Kitts

Designated for the Montreat Youth Conference Scholarships

In memory of **Tony Antonio** by an anonymous donor



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.

Sponsorships

Let Love Lead

2019 Montreat Youth Conference

Please consider
sponsoring our
13 youth
attending the
Montreat Youth
Conference this
summer. Deep
gratitude for
any support
you can give!

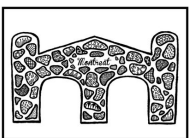
SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

The Gate

\$1-\$50

The Montreat Gate is the iconic entrance into the town of Montreat. It's how we get in!

This level will help cover a portion of one youth's deposit or spending money for the week.



The Huck

\$51-\$100

The Huckleberry, lovingly referred to as "The Huck," is the building that houses the gift shop,

Starbucks, and the ice cream parlor. It's a favorite hangout! This level will help to offset the cost of registration for one youth or help fill the gas tank.

Lake Susan

\$101-\$250

Lake Susan is a beautiful spot. The final worship service of the conference is held with everyone spreading out around the lake, complete with candlelight. It is at the center of the activity!

This level will help cover a good portion of one youth's room and board.

Anderson

Auditorium

\$251+

Anderson Auditorium is where everyone gathers together for worship, keynote speakers, and other events every day.

It is a gorgeous, sacred space!

This level will help cover a large majority of one or more youth's complete conference experience.

*Make checks payable to CPC and designate for "Montreat"

*Let us know if you would like to be recognized for your sponsorship on a church bulletin board and in the GoodNews Letter

*Please indicate if you wish your sponsorship to be Anonymous

Notes from the April Session Meeting

- Session members heard a brief presentation concerning the possibility of creating a Community Engagement Program in the NRV for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Session members discussed Chapters 3 and 4 of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger.
- Communications were received from the Women's Resource Center, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech, Habitat for Humanity, and To Our House, each expressing appreciation for recent financial gifts; from Massanetta Springs, expressing appreciation to CPC for being a covenant partner; and from a member of the congregation sharing thoughts regarding the church budget and the Session's on-going conversation about a new church sign.
- The Session approved a request from Pathway Christian Academy to use the Youth Center for its 2019 Spring Prom on May 4; and approved an offer from Rachel Sutphin to preach on June 9, Pentecost Sunday.
- A decision on a request from InStill Mindfulness SWVA regarding space for gatherings was delayed until additional information can be secured.
- The Session elected David Andrews to serve as CPC's Commissioner to the May 4 Presbytery of the Peaks meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for March that showed income of \$27,931.24 and expenses of \$25,963.48, for a surplus of \$1,967.76. Year-to-date income is \$64,156.13, and expenses are \$78,440.71, for a deficit of \$14,284.58. The team also reviewed the March 2019 designated accounts report and the first-quarter 2019 Rental Properties Report.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that the "Movie Time and Popcorn" all-church fellowship event has been rescheduled for May 5; that the after-church fellowship on March 17 went well, with UKirk students benefitting from some of the leftovers; and that promotions for the "Dinners for Eight" program will begin in the fall.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Togetherness Ministry Team that the worship service on Sunday, June 30 (a fifth Sunday), take place at Nellies Cave Park in Blacksburg prior to the "All-Church Picnic" scheduled there for that day.
- The Worship Ministry Team reported that the Annual Spring Concert featuring Justin Craig will take place April 28, followed by a reception.
- The Session voted to call a Congregational Meeting at the end of worship on May 5, for the purpose of electing the 2019 Nominating Committee.
- The Pastor reported that he officiated at a graveside service for non-CPC member, Al Moles, father of Sandra Clements, on March 14; and that he officiated at a memorial service for non-CPC member, Tony Antonio, husband of Carol Antonio, on March 30.
- The Session approved recommendations from the Pastor that the Sacrament of Baptism be approved for Abram Thomas Peeples, son of Taylor and Chelsea Peeples, on May 5, with Abram's grandparents (Rev. Cheryl Peeples, Elder John Peeples, and Elder Jennifer Makin) assisting; and that the date of the May Session meeting be changed to May 7.

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!



May Celebrations

Birthdays

May 1	Michael Foster
May 2	Rebecca Nixon
	Linda Price
May 3	Patrick Wheeler
May 5	Kate Feuchtenberger
	Evelyn Kimball
May 7	Melissa Milione
	Jeff Urch
	Steve Vacca
May 8	Julianne Clements
	Michaela Goldammer
May 9	David Dunn
	Dave Thomas
	Natalie Wheeler
	Melody Yuvanavattana
May 10	Jennifer Smith
	Jeff Stanley
May 11	Logan Price
May 12	Christopher Neal
	Kevin Poole
May 13	Julie Campbell
	Brian Hamilton
	John Weatherspoon

May 15	Steve Frank
May 17	Cindy Hawley
	Vicki Kitts
	Jean Wonderley
May 20	Henry Showalter
	Meredith Morgan
May 21	Steve Rhodes
May 22	Allison Lee Craft
	Carie Muscatello
May 23	Tristan Hall
	Sean Osborne
May 24	Sam Eubanks
	Stephanie Graham
	Julia Lucas
	Kelli Wheeler
May 26	Luke Hamley
	Joe Thompson
May 27	Jack Duke
	Joe Hamed
May 28	Chris Messner
May 30	Audrey Bouchard
May 31	Wyatt Hurley

Anniversaries

May 1	Steve & Kim Rhodes
May 3	Anthony & Jessica McPeak
	Henry & Kelly Showalter
May 9	Tim & Melissa Lawson
May 12	Dan & Kenita Brugh
May 19	Kevin & Jennifer Poole
	Dallas & Kasey St. Clair
May 21	Brian & Cyndi Hamilton
	David & Kelli Wheeler
May 24	Jeff Hamley & Kymn Davidson-Hamley
	Hank & Dana Partin
May 25	David & Kati Williams
May 27	Ralph & Estelle Dobbins
May 30	Scott & Ann Urch



Heartfelt Feelings Expressed...

CPC Family,

Thank you so much for your lovely cards, kind words, acts, thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time of my father's passing.

**Sincerely,
Sandra Clements and Family**

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To my beloved church family,

The flowers on the altar last Sunday were gorgeous, an enormous and complete surprise for which I cannot possibly thank you enough!! ALL of you have done SO much for me and my family in recent months; please know that I am completely thankful for all of your encouragement, your thoughtful gestures and comments (positive as they have been in a time such as this), and all of your very helpful thoughts. ALL of you (every one of you) have given us the courage and determination to move on, remember and cherish the lovely memories during a perfectly gorgeous relationship with a perfectly loving and fantastic man! Now, to follow in his grand attitude, determined and energetic footsteps and, if I may

say so, his strong and loving feeling for all of you – even coming from different backgrounds. That did not matter to him. He respected strongly, what we believe! So, from the bottom of my heart and my soul, and many exciting and gentle years in this wonderful church, I thank you accepting Dan as “one of us” and may we continue to share and nurture our church in helping us to grow further, love and respect each other, and share our belief in God.

Especially on a simply personal level, thank you for YOU! Thank you again for the fabulous flowers and may we all move on together being thankful to have each other and move on in sharing our faith. Bless you all, always and THANKS for each and every one of YOU -- -- -- You are VERY SPECIAL and loved people, and it is my privilege and pleasure to know you. Bless you all and again, MANY THANKS!!

Judi Schneck and Family

P.S. Let us move on together and remember to be thankful for the many things we have.

Bless you all 😊

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

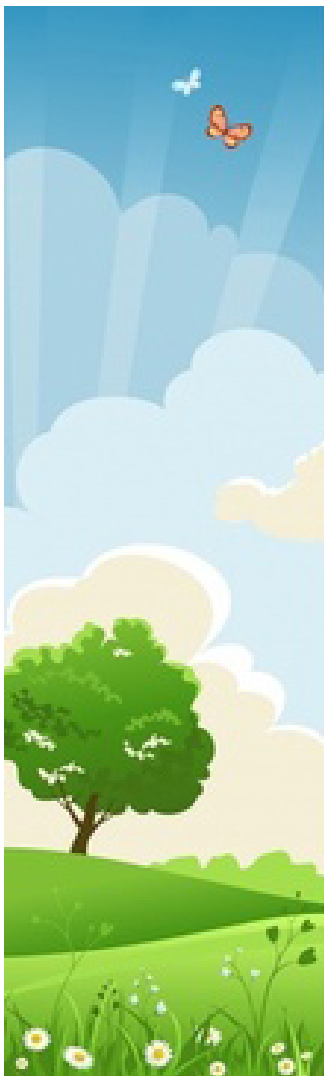
Charlotte Davis

Ray Obenshain

Estelle Chandler

Lois Morris

Edith Reed



First Day

Adam, first man
First day in paradise
First job as custodian
Of garden

First discoveries of
Giant trees, oak, palm, pine
Colorful flowers, roses, orchids, lilies
Diverse animals, lions, bears, skunks

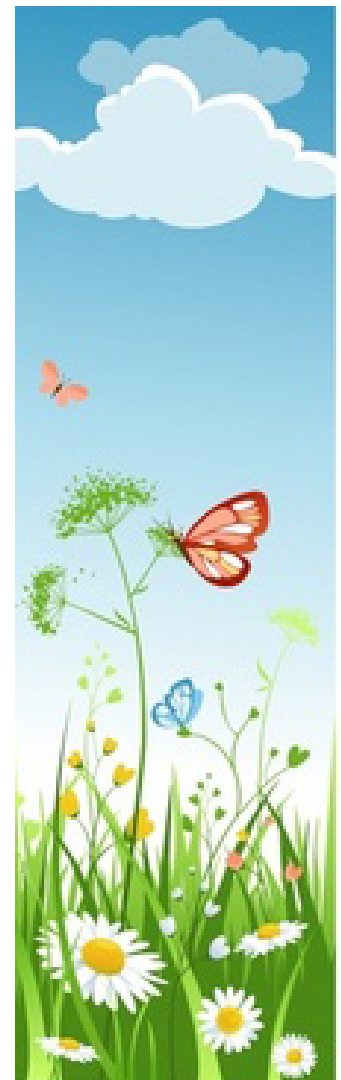
Adam's first crisis
Light sinking into earth
Darkness overtaking everything
Panic consumes Adam

Everything is so wonderful
Cries Adam to God
Please don't let it end
Save me

Go to sleep
Commands God
Adam awakens to symphony of
Birds singing tenor
Animals growling bass

Light climbs into the sky
Adam rubs his eyes in wonder
Gives God heartfelt thanks
Experiences first miracle

-- Paul Poff



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 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	2 4:00 PM Spiritual Listening Journey Group – Rm. 202	3	4 12:00 N Peaks Presbytery Meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke
5 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting to Elect Nominating Committee 4:00 PM "Movie and Popcorn" All-Church Fellowship – FH	6 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	7 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting at home of Shirley Downs 6:30 PM Session Meeting – FH	8 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	9	10	11
12 – Mother's Day 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups 10:30 AM Worship	13 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	14	15 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	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups 10:30 AM Worship – Graduate Recognition, Sunday Morning Journey Groups Teacher Appreciation, End of Choir Year 11:30 AM After-Church Fellowship - FH	20 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups 10:30 AM Worship	27 – Church Office closed for Memorial Day holiday	28	29	30	31	