



The GoodNews Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

August 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.

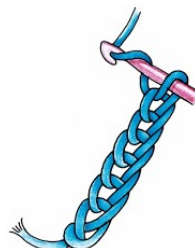
Potluck Brunch and "Talent, Craft, Hobby Day" August 11

Do you have a special talent, craft, or hobby you'd like to share with other members of our church family? Are you ready to experience something new and exciting? Do you enjoy eating, fellowshiping, and spending time with other members of CPC? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then the Togetherness Ministry Team has just the right opportunity for you!



You are invited to a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall right after worship on August 11. Following brunch, you can share your talents, crafts, and/or hobbies with others; you can learn how to do something you've never done before; or you can just spend some time relaxing and socializing with others.

The afternoon promises to be a time for delicious food, exciting learning opportunities, and lots and lots of fun! You don't want to miss it! Please join us!!



NOTE: If you wish to share a talent, craft, or hobby, please contact Bru Brubaker (250-8129) or the church office (382-2802) no later than August 9, to let us know what you're planning to do and if you need anything, such as tables, extension cords, etc. Thanks!

CPC's Compassion Ministry Team Has Opportunities for You!

We are looking for volunteers to "Feed the Flock" at UKirk Ministry (Cooper House) at Virginia Tech. The following dates, all Tuesdays, are available: September 17, October 22, and December 10. Please see or contact Paul Poff (382-8564) if you are interested or have any questions.



Adopt-A-Plot Update

A small group of volunteers has planted, weeded, and beautified our church grounds. Individuals, committees, and Sunday Morning Journey Groups have "adopted" different areas around the church. We've all appreciated the cheerful beauty Barbara and Jack Duke have created around our church sign, the tranquil meditation area the Craft family provides under the tree along Hickok Street, and the welcoming garden Anne and Tom Greene maintain at the office entry.

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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!)

Journey Groups will not meet during the summer.

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 August

Bru Brubaker, Elijah Brubaker, Elaine Gall, Eleanor Horton,
Emilee Horton, Rickey Horton, Ronnie Horton

Adopt-A-Plot (cont. from p. 1)

Louise Fentress and Iris Costigan have provided the charming corner garden we drive around in the parking area; sadly, they are retiring from their corner plot, and we're asking for new volunteers to adopt this small area. Members of the former Congregational Care Ministry Team have designed and maintained the nice island at the back of the parking lot. Additionally, many volunteers have worked on weeding, planting, and mulching.

Vicki Kitts, Harriet Williams, Gwen Ewing, Elbert Kinzie, Tom and Anne Greene, Evelyn Kimball, Linda Muscatello, and Mike Reilly have put in numerous hours trimming roses donated by Sue Taylor and weeding and mulching plants donated by church members. Thanks, also, to Gary and Joyce Overstreet and John and Linda Greene for donations toward loads of mulch and landscaping costs. A group of volunteers, including the senior highs, spread new mulch on our playground. The Wheelers, Lawsons, Muscatellos, and Overstreets sweated and dug mulch, too. Please join me in thanking all these hardworking folks!

We're especially attached to the bulb garden along the church side of the former manse (KS Building); church volunteers dug up the daffodils at Kitty and Ray Obenshain's former house. Check them out next spring! Spring is also when we enjoy the help of the Virginia Tech volunteers during the April Big Event. Lu Vacca, Linda Greene, Lesley Wert, Faye Gerrard, and Margot

Thompson volunteered over the last several years to feed the students and church volunteers as we worked up a big appetite working on the numerous flowerbeds.

I'm working with all of these great volunteers on the Adopt-a-Plot as my Master Gardner project. I'm required to write a yearly report, and I designed the project to be earth-friendly. We try to use plants that don't require much water, are

native, and not invasive; and we avoid using non-organic pesticides/herbicides. Please walk around the church grounds and notice the ongoing projects. If you are thinning plants and would like to donate those extras, please let us know; we always need more plants. We're always in need of mulch, and we welcome donations (monetary donations, please; we have to match the mulch).

We would love to have more areas around the church "adopted."

If you love being outdoors and want to have an area to maintain, please let me know, and we'll choose the size that is right for you. Our volunteers have a lot of knowledge and will assist you in choosing plants appropriate and easy to maintain. If you aren't ready yet to have your own plot but would like to join us in weeding and mulching, please give me a call or email me, and I'll add you to our contact list. Come join us for a fun time playing in the dirt!

Jennie Jurisson Reilly (jenmik@vt.edu or 540-230-5565)



Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women are taking a break from circle meetings in July and August. Meetings will resume in September, with the Merry Hearts Circle meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, and the Bethany Circle meeting at 10:45 a.m. on September 10. Both circles will begin a new *Horizons* Bible Study entitled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia A. Gamble.

August's Happiness to Share

Birthdays

Aug. 1 Jeff Smith
Edward Van Lear, II
Aug. 3 J. W. Beamer
Iris Costigan
Aug. 4 Mary Paul Craft
Carey Weatherspoon
Aug. 6 Mandy Naglic Bernard
Evan Gall
Aug. 7 Eliana Stevens
Aug. 8 Liz Jones Potter
Leah Vacca
Aug. 10 Josh Smith
Aug. 12 Sidney Hollandsworth
Aug. 13 Amy Greer-Knowles
Helen Young
Aug. 15 Gesine Newman
Aug. 16 Jim Lucas
Aug. 17 Patty Angle
Ryan Little
Aug. 20 Alyssa Page

Aug. 21 Jay Goldammer
Nathaniel Humphreys
Dave Lunsford
Aug. 22 Marcella Woods
Aug. 23 Mark Poff
Aug. 24 Dave Goff
Aug. 26 John Hollandsworth
Billy Silvers
Samantha Urch
Aug. 27 Elbert Kinzie
Daniel Rhodes
Bob Touchton
Aug. 28 Hayden Collins
Laura Lambert
Logan Lambert
Aug. 29 Jon King
Genesis Simmons
Aug. 30 Linda Crate
Rusty Davidson
Aug. 31 Matthew Davidson
Julie Neal

Anniversaries

Aug. 1 Bob & Trudy van Luyn
Aug. 3 Phil & Jo Lambert
Ned & Betty Turner
Aug. 5 Steve Knowles & Amy
Greer-Knowles
Aug. 6 Dean & Elaine Gall
Gene & Ann Winters
Aug. 7 John & Cheryl Peebles
Aug. 10 Bill & Tammy Craft
Elbert & Boots Kinzie
Aug. 11 Floyd & Mary Childress
Aug. 14 Steve & Linda Crate
Aug. 19 Matt & Susan Milovich
Aug. 20 Ron & Harriet Stockoff
Aug. 21 Tyler & Jody Humphreys
Aug. 25 Paul & Angela Little
Aug. 26 Bruce & Susan Board
Bob & Bonnie Fisher
Aug. 28 John & Linda Greene

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.



Football Parking Available at Cooper House



Cooper House is offering three parking spaces for use during Virginia Tech's seven home football games for a season fee of \$175 each. Cooper House is a very short walk to the stadium, and the backyard lawn area can be used for pre/post game activities. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, email Terry McClellan at admin@pcusa-vt.org.

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!

Memorial Gifts

In memory of **Angie Bowles** by Presbyterian Women

In memory of **Kathy Kerr** by Shelda Wills

In memory of **Peggy Walker** by Wayne & Ruby Bingham,
Joseph & Elaine Harvat, Donald M. Ralph,
and Presbyterian Women

Designated for the Seasonal Music Fund

In memory of **Peggy Walker** by Mary Jane McMillion

Honorary Gift

In celebration of **Frances Bower's 90th birthday** by David & Sandy Bower



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

Judy DiIoià

Ray Obenshain

Estelle Chandler

Lois Morris

Helen Parrish

Charlotte Davis

Edith Reed

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11 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Potluck Brunch, followed by "Talent, Craft, Hobby Day" – FH	12 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	13 6:30 PM Session Meeting – FH	14	15	16	17 9:30 AM Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting at Presbytery Office in Lynchburg
18 10:30 AM Worship	19 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 7:15 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	22	23	24
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