



# The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

September 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.*

## *Sunday, September 8 - A Special Day at CPC!*

- **Sunday Morning Journey Groups Rally Day at 9:30 a.m.:** Let's really rally as we begin the new year! Journey Groups for all children and adults are offered.
- **Outdoor Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.:** Come in casual dress and bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, as we gather outdoors (weather permitting) for a very special and different kind of worship service. A limited number of chairs will be provided.
- **Potluck Picnic Luncheon, right after the worship service:** Please bring a dish to share as we gather for great food and fellowship. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will be provided. Weather permitting, we'll be eating outside, so please bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on (a limited number of tables and chairs will be provided).



## *Parsonally Speaking . . .*

**CPC is blessed** to be the home church of two young women who are preparing for ordained ministry – Rachel and Emily Sutphin! As most of you know, they grew up in our church.

This month, Rachel begins her second year at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. On August 17, she was received as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of the Peaks, an important step along the path to ordination.

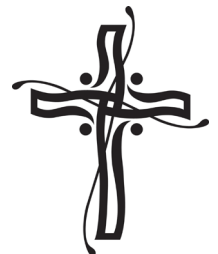
Also, this month, Emily is starting her first year at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. She is currently in the process of being enrolled as an Inquirer for the Ministry in our presbytery, the first formal step toward ordination.

We at CPC have the wonderful opportunity to help share the financial burden of their seminary training by contributing to the church's Seminary Assistance Fund. The Session has set a goal of \$250 a month assistance each for Rachel and Emily over the course of their seminary programs. Please make checks payable to CPC and designate them for the "Seminary Fund." And be sure to keep them in your prayers as well!

*Blessings,* Don

## *An Invitation from the Spiritual Listening Journey Group*

After a summer break, the Spiritual Listening Journey Group will resume meeting on Thursday, September 5, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., in room 202 (and continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at that time). The format of each gathering typically includes an extended time of silence for meditation/centering prayer, followed by conversation focused on a spiritual reading or audio presentation. Everyone is cordially invited to participate. Questions? Please speak to Don Makin, 382-2802.



## *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 (New This Year!)**

9:30 a.m. – Journey Groups for all ages (beginning Sept. 8)

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 September*

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

## New Book Study Begins September 15

The "Christianity Re-formed" Sunday Morning Journey Group announces a new book study starting Sunday, September 15, *The Evolution of Faith – How God Is Creating a Better Christianity*, by Philip Gulley.

Are you a spiritual wanderer, wonderer, seeker, or doubter? Have you ever felt alienated, marginalized, frustrated, or hurt by the traditional theology of the Church?

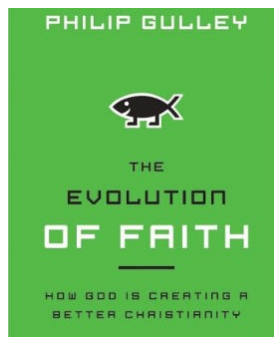
If so, please come and give "Christianity Re-formed" a try. This Sunday Morning Journey Group for adults is exploring what some theologians have called "alternative orthodoxy" – thoughtful "re-formed"

approaches to Christian theology for people who have grown restless or disillusioned with traditional teachings.

Starting on Sunday, September 15, we will be discussing the book, *The Evolution of Faith – How God Is Creating a Better Christianity*, by Philip Gulley. Participants are asked to acquire their own copy of the book.

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.



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## Presbyterian Women News

After a two-month break, circles will begin meeting again this month with a new *Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Bible study books are available in the church office for circle members who have not already obtained one. The Merry Hearts Circle will meet Monday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m., and the Bethany Circle will meet Tuesday, September 10, at 10:45 a.m. Both circles will meet in the Session Room (Room 201).



The Presbytery of the Peaks PW Annual Gathering will take place Saturday, September 28, at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. The theme for this year's Gathering is "Reflect, Refresh, Renew." Registration with light refreshments will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Annual Gathering will convene at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Jennifer Brothers, a Licensed Professional Counselor, Co-Founder and President of House of Bread in Roanoke, and final-year Master of Divinity student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, will deliver the keynote address. Clayton Rascoe, the Executive Director of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, will offer the morning devotions and serve as the Communion Celebrant. Janet Rakes, the immediate past Synod of the Mid-Atlantic PW Historian, will install the new Peaks PW leaders.

The monetary offering received will benefit House of Bread in Roanoke, a non-profit organization that started approximately four years ago for the purpose of assisting women who have been incarcerated and recently released or who are having trouble getting acclimated back into society. Mentors work side-by-side with the women, teaching them basic kitchen and baking skills, marketing skills, and customer service skills.

In addition to the monetary offering and because the 2019 mission project for the Peaks PW has been "Handbags for Hope," attendees are encouraged to bring new or gently used handbags for distribution to Domestic Violence Centers within the Presbytery of the Peaks. A plastic baggie containing a couple of toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, tissues, etc.) can be placed in the handbag. Circle leaders will share more information about the Peaks PW Annual Gathering at the circle meetings. Questions should be directed to Shelda Wills.



## *Notes from the August Session Meeting*

- Session members discussed Chapters 9 and 10 of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger.
- Communications were received from the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech, and Massanetta Springs, each expressing appreciation for the third-quarter benevolence gifts; from the Town of Christiansburg regarding the Hickok Street Drainage Improvements Project; and from the Presbytery of the Peaks, indicating that CPC can now elect two commissioners for Presbytery Meetings.
- The Session voted to approve the request for transfer of membership for Ron and Harriet Stockhoff to the Presbyterian Church of Radford.
- The Session elected Emily and Rachel Sutphin to serve as CPC's commissioners to the August 17 Presbytery Meeting at the Presbytery Office in Lynchburg.
- Preliminary plans are being made for signage on the exterior of the Youth Center.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for July that showed income of \$22,617.90 and expenses of \$25,854.46, for a deficit of \$3,236.56. Year-to-date income is \$153,926.06, and expenses are \$168,260.58, for a deficit of \$14,334.52. The team also reviewed the July 2019 designated accounts report and the second-quarter rental properties report.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Framework Ministry Team that CPC provide \$250 a month in assistance for Emily Sutphin over the course of her seminary program, beginning in September, just as is being provided for Rachel Sutphin.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that the all-church picnic and worship service on June 30 at Nellies Cave Park in Blacksburg was very well received, and that the potluck brunch and "Talent, Craft, Hobby Fair" after worship on August 11 was very successful.
- The Pastor reported that, in response to the Session's book discussion this year, he has asked Anne Greene and Jay Muscatello to lead the Session through a strategic planning process.
- The Pastor presented the beginnings of a "working plan" for consideration as a way to increase building security during worship services on Sunday mornings.

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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!





# *Thanks to All Who Made VBS a Success!!*

The Community VBS Committee would like to express thanks to the many people who volunteered their time and services for Community VBS 2019: *It Takes a Village*. The children's smiles warmed our hearts as they learned Biblical stories of God's love, friendship, and forgiveness. Sixty canvas bags decorated by the children were filled with the donations of toiletry items collected from our churches for the Women's Resource Center. A total offering of \$115 was shared between *Micah's Backpack* and *NRV Cares*.



**Pastors:** Pat Jones, Paul Stover, Paul Song

**Greeters:** Josie Bishop, Suzanne Dunn, Joanne Jenkins, Theresa Thompson

**Registration:** JR Stoneking, Joyce Bishop, Ann Rhudy, Ginny Poff, Lu Vacca, Cindy Crawford

**Bible Story Writers:** Joyce Stevens, Vicki Kitts

**Bible Storytellers:** Harvey Sowers, Geraldine Hollandsworth, George Rust

**Group Grade Level Guides:** Rosa Griffith, Ella Stulce, Gary and Bonnie Heinline, Kim Song, Macy Costigan, Suzanne Dunn, Flo Bishop, Zach Craighead, Erin Birchfield, Marilyn Jenkins, Tara Owens, Christina Watty, Devon Watty, Amanda Chrisley, Paul Stover, Sally Strauss, Diane Eaton, Savannah Hamilton

**Craft Director:** Linda Stoneking

**Craft Assistants:** Taylor Stoneking, Tabitha Rust, Sharyl Ogle, Melba Anderson

**Recreation Director:** Tim Johnson

**Recreation Assistants:** Matt and Kat Birchfield, Daniel Song, Alex Watty, Lawson Hamilton, Nate Birchfield

**Musicians:** Julie Neal, Matthew Neal, Ralph Clements

**Miscellaneous Assistants:** Paul, Melissa, and Zach Craighead; Wanda Johnson, Lesley Wert, Margot Thompson, Kathy Stover, Brian Thompson, Judy Stephens, Elbert Kinzie, Gary and Joyce Overstreet, Melissa Lawson, Cyndi Hamilton, Morgan Stewart, Lola Clower, Helen Altizer, Tom Bell, Gary Sparks, Bob Chapin, Jim and Nancy Mattox, Todd Fitch, Ken Skidmore, Henry Bass, Arthur Poff

**Guest Speakers:** Sarah Ryan, Andi Golusky, Officer David Wall

**Photographer:** Sue Speed

**Projection/Sound:** Brooks Arthur

**Kitchen Manager:** Patsy Sparks

**Monday Meal:** Park United Methodist

**Tuesday Meal:** Christiansburg Presbyterian

**Wednesday Meal:** CPC Sunday School Class

**Thursday Meal:** United Methodist Men

**Congregations of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Park United Methodist Church, and Christiansburg Presbyterian Church**

**Many, many thanks!**

**Your 2019 CVBS Planning Team:**

**Jane Collins, Joyce Stevens, Vicki Kitts, Linda Stoneking, Theresa Thompson**

# September Is Full of Celebrations!

## Birthdays

Sept. 1 Mirt Corte  
Sept. 2 Lane Hollandsworth  
Davis  
Forrest Hollandsworth  
Sept. 3 Kenneth Altizer  
Meg Thompson  
Tonya Whitmer  
Sept. 5 Jewell Carter  
Sept. 8 Tommy Makin  
Austin Mathews  
Sept. 9 Ainsleigh Harvey  
Sept. 10 Emilee Horton  
Sept. 11 Paige Showalter  
Sept. 12 Jessica Beamer  
Sept. 13 Craig Taylor  
Sept. 15 Bev Bridges  
Sept. 17 Noah Dabney  
Shirley Downs  
Preston Harris  
Bailey Knowles  
Kenna Knowles

Sept. 18 Jack March  
Sept. 19 Ginny Ketterer  
Sept. 20 Sarah Weatherspoon  
Sept. 22 Larry Shelor  
Sept. 23 Tyler Humphreys  
Sept. 24 Tyler Kirby  
Matt Milovich  
Sept. 25 Linda Greene  
Sept. 26 Faye Gerrard  
Morgan Stanley  
Jimmy Williams  
Sept. 27 Tammy Craft  
John Greene, Jr.  
Mary Osten  
Eric Wonderley  
Sept. 28 Michael Hubble  
Ann Urch  
Sept. 29 Olivia Lawson

## Anniversaries

Sept. 5 Jay & Pat Goldammer  
John & Carey  
Weatherspoon  
Sept. 6 Mike & Tara Owens  
Sept. 9 Robert & Bozana Young  
Sept. 10 Marc & Sharyl Ogle  
Sept. 12 Gary & Vicki Kitts  
Jeff & Alecia Smith  
Sept. 14 Adam & Jodie Smith  
Stevens  
Sept. 16 Robert & Susan Mayorga  
Sept. 24 Dave & Sheree Andrews



## *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.

## *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*

*Estelle Chandler*

*Charlotte Davis*

*Judy DiIorio*

*Lois Morris*

*Ray Obenshain*

*Edith Reed*

# *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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## *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).

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## *Memorial Gifts*



In memory of **Elizabeth Hamley** by Shelda Wills  
In memory of **Andy Messner on his 61st birthday on August 30**  
by Jim & Pat Messner  
In memory of **Peggy Walker** by Joanne Czeck



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Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

... Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

*from "A Psalm of Life"*  
*Longfellow*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM Worship	2 <b>Labor Day – Church Office closed</b>	3	4 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 5:30 PM Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting – Library 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	5 4:00 PM Spiritual Listening Journey Group – Rm. 202	6	7
8 – <b>Rally Day</b> 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship on the back lawn 11:30 AM Picnic on the grounds	9 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	10 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – Rm. 201 6:30 PM Session Meeting – FH	11 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	12	13	14 2:00 PM Memorial Service for Helen Parrish – Horne Funeral Home Chapel
15 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship	16 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	17 6:00 PM "Feed the Flock" at Cooper House	18 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	19	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21 9:30 AM Wilderness Trail Festival – parking lot in use all day 10:00 AM Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – PCHH, Wytheville (until 5:00 p.m.)
22 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship	23 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	24	25 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	26	27	28 10:00 AM Presbytery of the Peaks PW Annual Gathering – Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke
29 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service	30 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting					