



The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

October 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.

After-Church Luncheon, Crafts Fair, Pumpkin Painting, Carving Oct. 27

The Togetherness Ministry Team is hosting an after-church luncheon on October 27, featuring homemade pulled barbecue! After lunch, CPC members are invited to bring their crafts to sell, with a portion of the proceeds being designated to benefit the Montreat Youth Conference Fund. The afternoon will conclude with pumpkin painting and carving for all ages!

The Team will furnish the food and pumpkins. Please come to enjoy delicious food and lots of fun and fellowship following worship on Sunday, October 27. The luncheon and crafts sale will take place in the Fellowship Hall, and the pumpkin carving and painting will take place outside, weather permitting. Hope to see you there!

NOTE: If you wish to bring some crafts to sell, please contact Bru Brubaker (250-8129) or the church office (382-2802) no later than October 25, to let us know the number of tables and how much space you need. Thanks!



Parsonally Speaking . . .

It seems that every time you turn on the news these days, there's a tragic story about a mass shooting taking place in the U.S. Sadly, even churches are not immune to this violence.

This is something no one wants to think about, but the numerous recent events of shootings in churches have prompted CPC's Session to consider the following parts of a "working plan" for how we might increase safety in our building during worship services on Sunday mornings:

- At 10:25 a.m. all exterior doors are locked, except for the main front Sanctuary door. After that time, anyone who needs to come into the building for any reason must use this entrance.
- The main front Sanctuary door is locked 10 minutes after the worship service begins. A peep-hole or window is installed in the door, and an usher is seated at the door for the entire service in order to monitor the entrance and welcome people to enter, as appropriate.
- The balcony is no longer used. The balcony stairway doors are kept locked at all times, except for a brief time to enter the balcony to ring the church bell, prior to the worship service.

I want to reiterate that this is only a "working plan" at this point. No official Session action has been taken on it. The Session would very much like to hear your suggestions about the matter of safety in our church and ways we might address it. Please contact any Session member to share your thoughts about the proposed plan or any other safety ideas you may have.

Blessings to all,

Don

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.

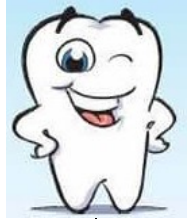
The *GoodNews Letter* is distributed via an email message linked to CPC's website. If you would like to receive a hard copy by mail, please call 540-382-2802 or email the church office at cpchurch@usit.net.

Ushers for October

Tom Greene, Vicki Kitts, Maggie Lawson, Melissa Lawson, Jim Taylor, Kelli Wheeler, Patrick Wheeler

Peace & Global Witness Offering Is Oct. 6

Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ in many places. The offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more. Twenty-five percent of the offering will be used locally in support of **CPC's Children's Dental Care Project**, which promotes health and wholeness in Montgomery County by making dental care available to preschool children (referred by Head Start) from lower-income families. The remainder



of the offering will be used through the larger Presbyterian denomination to address systems of injustice across the world.

Imagine what a gift it is to those who have been hurt, in both their spirit and their community, to find a lasting peace and resolve conflict in its many forms.

When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, your true gift is the peace of Christ for all of God's children. With each gift, we can begin to create a world of peace – together.

Please give generously when CPC receives this year's special Peace & Global Witness Offering during worship on Sunday, October 6. Thanks!

Special Thanks from Seminary

I am immensely thankful for your ongoing support and prayers. I have had a wonderful start to my semester and look forward to what it brings. I enjoy interning at a local church where I am involved in a variety of church matters. I also love my Presbyterian History and Polity class! I hope you all enjoy the last bit of summer and know you are in my thoughts and prayers.



*Peace,
Rachel Sutphin*

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.



Notes from the September Session Meeting

- Session members discussed Chapters 11 and 12 of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger.
- The Session voted to proceed with the painting of the Gathering Space (main hallway) and the purchase and installation of a flat screen monitor on the wall outside the Session Room for display of church events and activities.
- The Session voted to rescind the prior approval to purchase a LED sign for the church's front lawn and to repair the current sign instead.
- CPC is seeking someone to maintain the church's website.
- Session members continued discussing a possible plan for increasing building security during worship services on Sunday mornings. Information will be shared with the congregation through weekly bulletins and the newsletter.
- Emily and Rachel Sutphin served as CPC's commissioners to the August 17 Presbytery Meeting at the Presbytery Office in Lynchburg. At that meeting, Rachel, who has now completed her year as an Inquirer for the Ministry, was formally received as a Candidate in the ordination process.
- The Christian Formation Ministry Team reported that a meeting will take place with youth and parents after worship on October 6 to discuss the future of youth ministry at CPC.
- The Compassion Ministry Team reported that volunteers have been secured for the "Feed the Flock" dates this fall.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for August that showed income of \$24,091.24 and expenses of \$21,180.81, for a surplus of \$2,910.43. Year-to-date income is \$178,017.30, and expenses are \$189,441.39, for a deficit of \$11,424.09. The team also reviewed the August 2019 designated accounts report. The team noted that the ash tree by the playground has been removed, and the town plans to remove the ash trees at the back of the church lawn along College Street.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that the hot dog luncheon following the outdoor worship service on Rally Day was a huge success; that plans are being made to host an after-church luncheon, crafts fair/sale, and pumpkin painting and carving on October 27; and that the team is considering some ideas for less "formal" get-togethers of small groups of people.
- The Worship Ministry Team reported that the special "5th Sunday" worship service in September will be based on a Taizé worship service.
- The pastor called a special meeting of the Session for September 22 at 12:00 noon to meet with Emily Sutphin by Skype as part of the process for her to become an Inquirer for the Ministry.
- The Session agreed to explore the possibility of selling the manse to the pastor at some time in the future.
- The Session noted the death of Helen Parrish on August 15.



Autumn Happiness in October

Birthdays

Oct. 1 Boots Kinzie
Oct. 2 Michael Dunn
Matthew Neal
Oct. 6 James Gorzycki
Oct. 8 Joel Pugh
Oct. 10 Sandra Clements
Oct. 13 Pat Messner
Oct. 16 Ron Mattice
David Neal
Oct. 17 Kristen Brugh Thomas
Oct. 18 Luke Brugh
Hattie Eubanks
Oct. 20 Carrol Morgan

Oct. 22 Brandon Helms
Oct. 24 Ronnie Horton
Oct. 25 Alexis Graham
Tay Taylor
Thai Yuvanavattana
Oct. 27 Tom Greene
Kelly Showalter
Tamara Sutphin
Bozana Young
Oct. 28 Pam Goff
Carrie Miller
Oct. 29 Karlie Hall

Anniversaries

Oct. 3 Gary & Joyce Overstreet
Oct. 6 Jim & Cindy Hawley
Tipper & Krissy Rumpf
Oct. 10 David & Julie Neal
Oct. 12 Stephen & Mary Osten
Oct. 18 James & Sarah Akers
Oct. 20 Chris & Beth (Childress)
Presley
Oct. 21 Len & Patty Angle
Oct. 25 Sam & Robin Lucas



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!



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 DiIoia

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!



Memorial Gifts

In memory of **Brian Horne** by Jim & Cindy Hawley
and Shelda Wills

In memory of **Helen Parrish** by Jim & Cindy Hawley,
Shelda Wills, and Presbyterian Women

Pulling up
twisted tomato vines—
long autumn shadows.

Chimney smoke rises
from house after house—
hazy autumn foothills.

Warm sweater
cozy sock cap—
late October.



In the dimming days
suddenly chrysanthemums
open my dry eyes.

- Haiku by Mike Garofalo



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	3	4	5
6 – <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Meeting for all youth and parents – FH	7 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	8 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	9 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	10	11	12
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20 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	22	23 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	24	25	26
27 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM After-Church Fellowship and Crafts Sale – FH; Pumpkin Painting and Carving – back lawn	28 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	29	30 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	31		