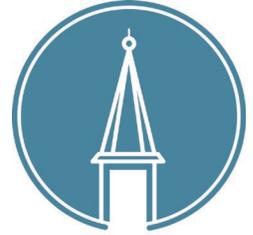




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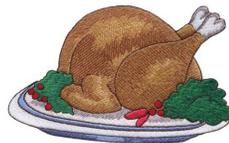
Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

November 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.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Set for Nov. 18

Our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Sunday, November 18. The Togetherness Ministry Team will furnish the turkey and fixings. Please bring a dish to serve your family and a few guests.



We need anyone who would like to cook a turkey and make dressing. Please bring the turkey carved; pans will be supplied. Bring the broth and pan drippings for the gravy. Please contact Ginny Poff, Shelda Wills, or Bru Brubaker if you are willing to cook a bird!

2019 Confirmation Program Starting Soon

We are in the process of preparing for our 2019 Confirmation Program. This well-received program gives youth and adult mentors the opportunity to explore their faith together in anticipation of the youth joining the church next spring. All youth in seventh grade and older who have not previously joined the church are invited to take part. Young people who wish to participate are asked to contact Don Makin (382-2802) by **Sunday, November 11**. Adults who wish to be considered as potential mentors in the program are also asked to contact Don by that date. If you need more information about any aspect of the confirmation program, please speak to Don.



Parsonally Speaking . . .

Here is a "Tale of Two Churches" – Church A and Church B.

Jane Smith – a member of Church A – feels a strong sense of call to put her faith into action. She gathers together a small group of volunteers to provide an after-school tutoring program for students from the nearby middle school. Another member of the church suggests to Jane that she needs to present her idea to the Christian Education Committee, which she does at its next month's meeting. Everyone on the CE Committee is in favor of the proposal, so the committee decides to recommend it to the Elders at the next month's Session meeting. When the Session meets, the Elders are generally open to the idea of a tutoring program, but they want more information before making a final decision. The Finance Committee needs to know how much the program will cost. The Property Committee is concerned about liability issues. (cont. on p. 3)

Remember to "Fall Backward"

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4. Be sure to set your clocks *backward* one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep, and we'll see you at church 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.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Journey Groups 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 email 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 email the church office at cpchurch@usit.net.

Ushers for November

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

CPC's Musical Groups Involve All!



We are doing exciting things with music at CPC this fall! Our new music staff member, Angie Hagwood, has started a Children's Orff Ensemble as well as an Intergenerational Ensemble. The Orff approach is a **method of teaching children about music** that engages their mind and body through a mixture of singing, dancing, acting, and the use of percussion instruments. Xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, and many hand-held percussion instruments are used to create a cacophony of sound accompanying songs!

The beauty of Orff instruments is that they make any player, even one with no prior training, feel like an instant success. They also are adaptable for any age level. By removing or adding bars, the instruments can be made simple enough for preschoolers or challenging enough for adults. Orff instruments are inclusive, not exclusive. They are accessible to people of all ages and all degrees of ability. We hope that you will come join us on a Wednesday evening to make some joyful noise! All are welcome. No prior experience (or even musical knowledge) necessary!

Wednesday Rehearsals:

Children's Ensemble: 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Youth and Adult Ensemble: 5:45-6:30 p.m.

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

Both of these committees have just met the week before, so it's another month before they get started on it. At their respective committee meetings the next month, Finance and Property decide to check and see if any other churches in the area are offering tutoring programs and what might be learned about the idea from them. So, they start looking into it. After three months of research, they are ready to report back to the Session. Now, five months after Jane first meets with CE, the Session is ready to vote.

Judy Smith – a member of Church B – feels a sense of call to put her faith into action. She gathers together a small group of volunteers to provide an after-school tutoring program for students from the nearby middle school. Church B has recently implemented an approach to ministry called Journey Groups as a way to encourage and support church members who wish to act on their sense of call to initiate expressions of ministry and service. Journey Groups are formed around a particular vision/calling, and each group is self-organized by its participants in the way that best suits their vision/calling. Judy knows that the only requirement the church has for a Journey Group



is that its purpose be in alignment with Church B's mission, vision, and values statements. Judy meets in person with the Elders at the very next Session meeting, and everyone agrees that the

tutoring program is a great "fit" with the church's mission, vision, and values. The Elders ask if there's anything Judy needs to get the tutoring group started. Judy says the group could use some start-up funds and a room in the church building where the group can meet. Since there's already start-up money for Journey Groups in the church budget and plenty of space for the group to meet, the Elders tell Judy, "Consider it done." Judy and her group of volunteers have their first tutoring class two weeks later.

You've been hearing about Journey Groups for several months now. I hope this little tale of two churches helps you get a sense of the potential that this approach to ministry has. Above all, I encourage you to talk to me or to any Elder if you feel a sense of call to put your faith into action through the creation of a Journey Group. The Session is here to help it happen!

Peace and all good,

Don

“5th Sunday Worship” to Continue Next Year

Our experiment with “5th Sunday Worship” has been an exciting and renewing experience for all of us – one which we plan to continue next year. There are four 5th Sundays in 2019, and the search is on for those who would like to help develop special worship services for those days.

The idea is to diversify our worship life by occasionally (i.e., on 5th Sundays) “trying on” alternate worship styles available to us in the Christian church. What kind of worship styles are we talking about? Examples include: contemporary, contemplative, Taizé, Appalachian, folk, multi-media, drama, Celtic, gospel, jazz . . . you name it!

If you would be interested in being part of a planning/implementation team to develop 5th Sunday Worship services for 2019, please speak to Don Makin or call him at the church, 382-2802. Thanks!

November Brings Children’s Home Thanksgiving Offering

Each year throughout November, CPC receives a special Thanksgiving offering in support of the **Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands** in Wytheville.

PCHH has provided a restorative ministry in a Christian environment to abused and neglected children of Appalachia since 1919. Around 100 boys and girls receive services annually from this ministry. The Home’s mission, *“Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future,”* is accomplished through a variety of programs. These include an accredited on-campus school, individual and group counseling, vocational training, and exposure to a variety of cultural and educational

activities. PCHH accepts children on an emergency and long-term basis and also provides an independent living program for children who are preparing to leave the home and strike out on their own. All of PCHH’s programs are designed to provide individualized care to the children they serve. For more information, please check out their web site at www.pchh.org.

You are invited to participate in this important giving opportunity by making checks payable to CPC, designated for the “Thanksgiving Offering.” On behalf of the children who will benefit from your generosity, thank you very much!

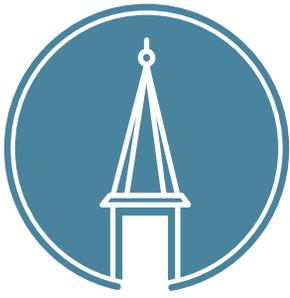


Presbyterian Women News

The theme of the 2018 Thank Offering celebration is “Diverse, Yet One in Christ,” based on Romans 12:4-6a (NRSV). CPC’s Presbyterian Women circles will receive the Thank Offering at their meetings in November. The **Merry Hearts Circle** will meet **Sunday afternoon, November 4, at 12:30 p.m.** in Room 201. The **Bethany Circle** will meet **Tuesday, November 6, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

The Thank Offering has been a tradition for Presbyterian Women and its predecessor organizations since 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women’s General Missionary Society as a “thank offering to her Lord.” The women were so generous with their gifts that they were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at the time!

Since 1989, when Women of the Church and United Presbyterian Women joined to become Presbyterian Women, the Thank Offering has given more than \$25 million to more than 2,000 programs and ministries that assist those struggling with illness and lack of access to education, services, and resources. The Thank Offering provides clean water, alleviates homelessness, provides educational opportunities, promotes health, and improves the lives of women and children throughout the world in many ways.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEWS

CPC had a strong presence at the Christiansburg Farmers' Market this season! We offered complimentary lemonade and cold water to the vendors and shoppers, and offered friendly faces and made many connections through the process. We received many thanks, some donations, and even had a few visitors at our worship services based on our presence there. Overall, it was a very successful endeavor!

Come downtown for the Veterans Day Parade on November 12! Several of CPC's youth will be marching as members of their schools' marching bands, and it is a great way to honor those who have bravely served our country.

The parade begins at 10:30am.

Plans are in the works to set up our tent and offer FREE HOT CHOCOLATE again this year during the Christiansburg Christmas Parade. We had a BLAST doing this last year - we spent time together as a community of faith, offered a ministry to the larger community, and enjoyed seeing many of our members and friends in the parade! Let's do it again! Stay tuned for more information!



CPC Youth enjoyed a joint Youth Group event on October 7 with friends from Greater Mt. Zion United Holy Church. We ate lunch together, had great conversation, and had a great time decorating the Youth Center for the fall holidays. Our next Youth Group event will be held on Sunday, November 4 after worship. See you then!

CPC'S YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAVE ENJOYED SPENDING A COUPLE OF AFTERNOONS TOGETHER THIS FALL. OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE AFTER WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 11 UNTIL 1:30PM IN THE YOUTH CENTER. SEE YOU THEN!

Remember to check out our [Youth Calendar](#) on CPC's website! This includes games, performances, competitions, etc. that our youth are involved in outside of CPC – which is a LOT! We have some gifted youth in our congregation – let's support them as a Community of Faith!

FEATURING: CPC YOUTH

For the month of November, we are featuring...
(DRUM ROLL, PLEASE!)

[LYDIA GORZYCKI](#)

Go to www.christiansburpres.org/featuring-cpc-youth/ or click on Lydia's name above to view this feature!

November Times of Happiness

Birthdays

Nov. 1 John Beamer
Nov. 2 Alan Parrish
Nov. 4 Virginia Richardson
Nov. 5 Paul Clements
Mary Jane McMillion
Tearanye Page
Wanda Semones
Nov. 7 Ryan Fisher
Robin Lucas
Marge Teates
Nov. 8 Megan Fisher
Nov. 9 Pam King
Jo Lambert
Nov. 10 Gary Overstreet
Nov. 11 Lynn Hickok
Dan Teates
Nov. 12 Charlotte Davis
Shea Miller
Nov. 14 John Donovan
Jim Minter
Laura Dangerfield Stevens

Nov. 16 Greg Feuchtenberger
Nov. 17 Jaden Eubanks
Susan Mayorga
Nov. 18 Bill Craft
Nov. 19 James Akers
Tipper Rumpf
Nov. 20 Jared March
Nov. 21 Wilma Murray
Nov. 23 Sarah St. Jean
Marley Taylor
Nov. 24 Sam Doak
Cyndi Hamilton
Karen Shelor
Margot Thompson
Nov. 25 Lucas Board
Hayli Williams
Nov. 27 Bob Styne
Nov. 28 Pat Goldammer
Lydia Gorzycki
Nov. 29 JoAnn Thomas

Anniversaries

Nov. 4 Jimmy & Harriet Williams
Nov. 13 Richard & Amy Beamer
Nov. 17 Pete & Missy Hudson
Nov. 19 Jon & Mitzi King
Joe & Margot
Thompson
Nov. 27 Tony & Carol Antonio
Nov. 28 Calvin & Virginia
Richardson



Help "Care" for Our College Students!



The Congregational Care Ministry Team will be preparing "Care Packages" for our Young Adults attending college. We will be mailing the packages to students this semester after Thanksgiving (before Fall Semester exams), and we would like donations of food (individually wrapped granola bars, nabs, cookies, candy, etc.), monetary gifts to help pay for the postage, or anything else you think would be well received (or wish you had received in a care package when you were in college!). Last semester's response from the congregation was WONDERFUL, and those who contributed to the "Care Packages" were sharing in a much-appreciated project of caring for OUR children. A special box will be available in the main hallway to receive your gifts. THANKS for sharing in a much-appreciated project of caring for OUR children!

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!

Notes from the October Session Meeting

- Elders participated in a discussion of Chapters 8 and 9 of Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*.
- A communication was received from the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, expressing appreciation for the fourth-quarter benevolence gift.
- The Session received an update on plans for the new church sign and the "Gathering Space" remodeling project.
- The Session elected Shelda Wills to serve as the Commissioner to the November 15, presbytery meeting to be held at First Presbyterian Church in Danville.
- The Worship Ministry Team reported that two Sanctuary banners, created by Linda Muscatello, are now hanging in the Chancel area.
- The Christian Formation Ministry Team confirmed that Sunday Morning Journey Groups will not meet on December 23 and 30.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that it had developed a tentative monthly schedule of social activities from October 2018 through November 2019 to help fulfill the team's purpose to "provide social opportunities to grow in love as a community of faith," that it will seek volunteers to assist with the social events, and that it hopes to re-initiate the "Dinners for Eight" program.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Togetherness Ministry Team that the tentative social schedule be approved, with any changes that may need to be made throughout the year, and that attempts be made to re-initiate the "Dinners for Eight" program.
- The third-quarter rental properties report was shared with Session members.
- The income and expense report for September showed income of \$33,247.12 and expenses of \$26,334.06, for a surplus of \$6,913.06. Year-to-date income is \$198,090.75, and expenses are \$267,236.14, for a deficit of \$69,145.39.
- The Session approved recommendations from the Pastor that the November stated Session Meeting be moved to the third Tuesday evening, November 20; and that Tod Bolsinger's book, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, be considered for the Session's 2019 study and discussion.
- The Session noted the baptism of Alexander James Davis, son of Mike and Lane Davis, on October 14.

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

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!



Inclement Weather Reminder

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

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 email her at ringbearer01@hotmail.com.



Memorial Gifts

Designated for the Seasonal Music Fund

In memory of **Nancy Showalter** by Mildred Burk and Mike & Paula Dull

Designated for the Sanctuary Piano Fund

In memory of **Edward T. Van Lear, Sr.**, by Lillian Van Lear



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