



The Good News Letter



Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, Virginia

November 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.

Parsonally Speaking . . .

Hard to believe it's November again... this year has really flown by! Here are a few timely things for your consideration:

- **Congregational Outreach Project 2020** – Do you have an idea for a church-wide “**outward journey**” congregational outreach project for the year 2020? If you do, the Session would like to hear from you. Our church vision statement says that we intend to be “a community of faith where every person is on an inward journey of spiritual transformation and an **outward journey of service and ministry**. So, let's do something together in the coming year! Imagine the impact we can have in our community if we all work together on a focused outreach project of service and ministry. The sky's the limit, so please jot down your idea for CPC's Congregational Project 2020, and drop it off in the church office. See if you can come up with something that is very “hands-on” (not just sending money somewhere). Also, think of ways to involve as many of CPC's different age groups as possible in the project. The Session will collect ideas until the end of November, after which the congregation will choose which of the suggested projects will be our outward journey project for 2020.
- **“5th Sunday Worship” to Continue Next Year** – Our ongoing 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 2020, and the search is on for

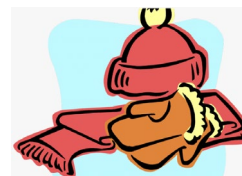


those who would like to help develop special worship services for those days. If you would be interested in being part of a planning/implementation team to develop 5th Sunday Worship services for 2020, please let me know. Thanks!

- **All Youth in 7th Grade and above** who have not previously joined the church are invited to take part in a Confirmation Class in the spring of 2020. *(cont. on p. 3)*

Christmas Store “Hats & Gloves” Drive

The Montgomery County Christmas Store is asking us to help by collecting donations of **new winter hats and gloves for children and adults** for the 2019 shopping season. Please place your donations in the “Hats & Gloves” box located on the table in the Gathering Space, no later than Sunday, November 17. Thanks!



Remember to “Fall Backward”

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3. 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 (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 November

Sue Farrar, Cyndi Hamilton, Lawson Hamilton, Savannah Hamilton,
Kim Rhodes, Steve Rhodes, Tay Taylor



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

CPC's well-received confirmation program gives youth and adult mentors the opportunity to explore their faith together in anticipation of the youth joining the church next spring. Young people who wish to participate are asked to contact me (382-2802) by Sunday, November 10. Adults who wish to be considered as potential mentors in the program are also asked to contact me by that date. If you need more information about any aspect of the confirmation program, please give me a holler.

Peace and all good,

Don

November Brings Children's Home Thanksgiving Offering

Each year throughout the month of 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 2019 Thank Offering celebration is "God Heeds Our Call," based on Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NRSV). CPC's Presbyterian Women circles will receive the Thank Offering at their meetings in November. The **Merry Hearts Circle** will meet **Sunday, November 3, at 12:00 noon** in Room 201. The **Bethany Circle** will meet **Tuesday, November 5, 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.

Notes from the October Session Meeting

- Session members discussed Chapters 13 and 14 of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger.
- Plans are progressing for the painting of the Gathering Space (main hallway) the end of October.
- Session members discussed the possibility of a congregation-wide specific project that would be CPC's focus for 2020.
- Session members continued discussing a possible plan for increasing building security during worship services on Sunday mornings.
- The Session elected Anne Greene and Paul Poff to serve as CPC's Commissioners to the November 21 Presbytery Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.
- The Christian Formation Ministry Team reported that during the meeting with youth and parents on October 6, the consensus was to have all of the youth meet together following worship on the first Sunday of each month, with the older youth doing some type of activity with the younger youth.
- The Framework Ministry Team reviewed the income and expense report for September that showed income of \$22,848.12 and expenses of \$21,358.83, for a surplus of \$1,489.29. Year-to-date income is \$200,865.42, and expenses are \$210,800.22, for a deficit of \$9,934.80. The team also reviewed the September 2019 designated accounts report and the third-quarter rental properties report.
- The Togetherness Ministry Team reported that it will host an after-church luncheon, crafts fair/sale, and pumpkin painting and carving on October 27; and that the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place on November 24.
- In response to Emily Sutphin's request, the Session appointed Shelda Wills to serve as liaison with Emily, Peaks Presbytery, and CPC as Emily pursues ordination.

Help "Care" for Our College Students!



The Compassion Ministry Team will be preparing "Care Packages" for our Young Adults attending college. We will be mailing the packages to students 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 Gathering Space to receive your gifts. THANKS for sharing in a much-appreciated project of caring for OUR children!

Inclement Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement 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.*



Thanks for November Celebrations!

Birthdays

Nov. 1 John Beamer
Nov. 2 Alan Parrish
Nov. 4 Virginia Richardson
Nov. 5 Paul Clements
Don Conner
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. 28 Calvin & Virginia Richardson



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!



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!



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.

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

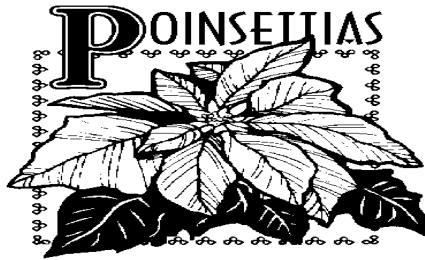
Estelle Chandler

Judy DiIoiá

Loís Morris

Edith Reed





For Advent and Christmas: Poinsettias and Landscaping

Contributions will gratefully be accepted toward the purchase of poinsettias for the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas **AND/OR** toward the cost of outside landscaping at CPC. You are invited to give any amount for either or both purposes. (The suggested donation for a single poinsettia is \$13.00.) The names of all who contribute will be listed in the worship bulletin. **Final deadline for contributions is Monday, December 9.** Thank you!

FOR POINSETTIAS	FOR OUTSIDE LANDSCAPING
Donor(s): _____ _____	Donor(s): _____ _____
<u>Given (please check):</u> ___ in memory of: _____ _____ ___ in honor of: _____ _____ ___ to the glory of God ___ other: _____ _____	<u>Given (please check):</u> ___ in memory of: _____ _____ ___ in honor of: _____ _____ ___ to the glory of God ___ other: _____ _____
Amount for poinsettias: \$ _____	Amount for outside landscaping: \$ _____

***Please make checks payable to Christiansburg Presbyterian Church,
designated for "Landscaping/Poinsettias." Many thanks!***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 – Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00 AM 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 N Merry Hearts Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	4 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	5 10:45 AM Bethany Circle Meeting – Rm. 201	6 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	7	8	9
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17 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship	18 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	19	20 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103 Newsletter Deadline	21 9:30 AM Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke	22	23
24 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Journey Groups (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon – FH	25 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting	26	27 5:00 PM Children's Ensemble – Rm. 107 6:30 PM Chancel Ringers – Rm. 103 7:15 PM Chancel Choir – Rm. 103	28 – Thanksgiving Day – Church Office closed	29 – Church Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday	30