

First Presbyterian News

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Dear First Folks,

As summer begins, we give thanks for all of you who are a part of First Presbyterian Church, and for the marvelous moments of ministry which happen as God works through and in us. Be in prayer for all ministries and people, read the prayer book given out in worship last week, and grow in God's grace as he shows his love to us all. Blessings on your travels and vacations, try to be in worship as often as possible, and be the living, loving, growing servant of Christ that God has in mind for you to be.

In Him,

-Russell



June 3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Conceived by the Holy Spirit and Born of the Virgin Mary"

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

June 10 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Suffered Under Pontius Pilate"

Scriptures: Matthew 27:24-39; Luke 9:21-27

June 17—Father's Day

Sermon: "Was Crucified, Dead, and Buried"

Scriptures: Matthew 27:30-50; John 19: 28-42

June 24—

Sermon: "He Descended into hell"

Scriptures: 1 Peter 2:15-20; 2 Peter 3:18-21

July 1—

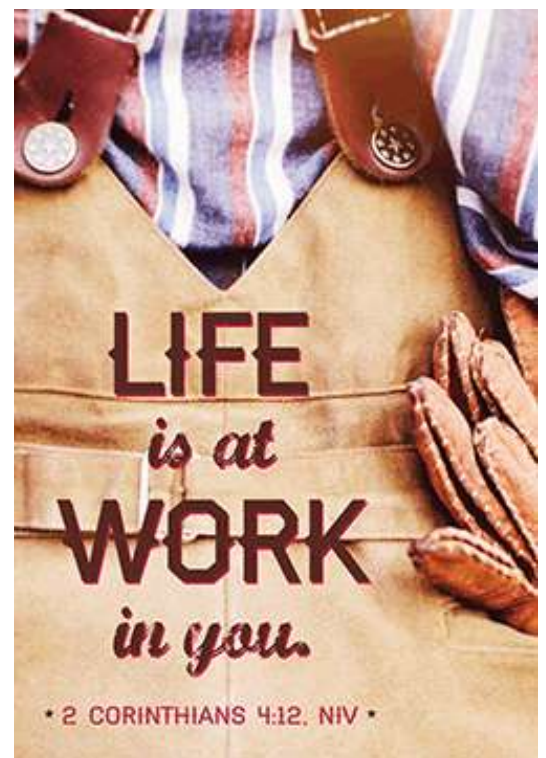
Sermon: "The Third Day He Rose again from the Dead"

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

July 8

Sermon: "He Ascended into Heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty"

Scriptures: Peter 3:22; Mark 16:15-20



Art and Andrea Carter

(A Presbyterian Ministry)

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Dear friends in South Boston,

Greetings from the Carter family. Thank you for your support to us over the past few years and your prayers for us. We look forward to seeing you soon.

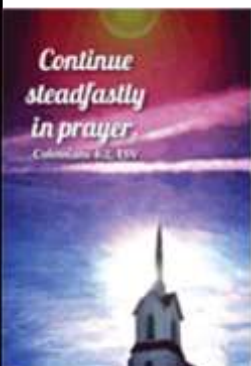
The Carters



Art by: **Peyton Wickemeyer**



Operation G.R.O.W. News/update—Operation Grow is well underway, and we seek to grow in spirit, faith, and number as we move forward. The last two items in phase two were to read God’s word daily and to “rare back” and do something good for someone. This will help us grow spiritually and be a good friend and neighbor as well.



Prayer Books: As a part of operation G.R.O.W., the book *Classic Prayers for Every Need* by J.I. Packer was given out in worship on May 20th, and additional copies are available in the office for you or to give to someone. We urge you to read a short two page chapter each day as a prayer as you join spiritual giants who lifted them up years ago, or to use the book as a resource for prayers which you give. Anointing everything we do with prayer will take it to the next level, and will bring honor and glory to God.



Attention Ladies!! Even though we are not meeting for Bible Study, we want to continue getting together during the summer. We are meeting each 2nd and 4th Thursday for lunch. We gather in the church parking lot at 11:30 am, and then go out together from there. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for lunch.

Congratulations! - Jamie Thompson, husband of Jessica Lumsden Thompson, has graduated from the Oncology Radiation Therapy program with a 4.0 from Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke. He has already passed the Certification Board Exam. We are quite proud of our son-in-law and ask prayers for his next step in securing a job.



Jessica is working as Acting Director of three centers for autistic children located in Rocky Mount, Roanoke, and Blacksburg. They reside in Roanoke. We pray for God to continue working in their lives to serve others. ~ Chris and Linda Lumsden



Mission Opportunities

The Summer Mission Trip is set for the week of July 8-14! Again, we are working with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) in Richwood, WV, to help with recovery from the flooding in 2016. We will be housed in a former parsonage that was renovated for this purpose. The cost of \$100 per person covers housing, materials, and meals for the week. (Please plan for your own **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY** - We need "Willing Helpers!" If you are interested in joining the team, or need more information, contact Kim Albert, kalbert@ntelos.net or 434-579-5011, or Russell.

Summer Kickoff/Mission Trip Lunch -The deacons and the mission team will join forces to host a hot dog picnic on Sunday, June 10, immediately after 11:00 worship. This will be a casual dress Sunday, so we can celebrate the start of the summer season as well as raise awareness about the summer mission trip (see above). Hot dogs with all the fixings, baked beans, desserts and more will be provided for free and served under the picnic shelter. There will be an opportunity for you to participate in the mission trip by making a monetary donation. There will also be some construction-related and summer-style activities. Everyone is invited!! Come fellowship with Christian friends and enjoy the beautiful surroundings we have due to God's blessings.



Summer Sunday School- Summer Sunday School will begin on June 3, as we combine classes for the summer months. Art Carter, Colter Wickemeyer, and Jim Luedtke will share teaching the adult class until the fall. The youth will combine with that class when they are here.

Donuts for Dads- Father's Day will be a special time this year as the deacons are putting together a special time to fellowship with one another on June 17. On that day, we will gather following 9am worship and before Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:am, and following 11 am worship to share conversations and donuts and congratulate our dads. God our father has blessed us much with them, and we give thanks to God for Christian fathers everywhere.



WW Glass Scholarship fund donations- The WW Glass Scholarship Fund, which stands at \$12,917, is a long term effort to support our children as they continue their education after high school. Interest from that fund is used for high school senior scholarships. If you have special "above and beyond" donations you would like to make, either now or at the end of the year, or in estate planning, we invite you to help grow that fund.

Memorial/Columbarium News- At long last, construction is due to begin on this project in mid June. A beautiful garden meditation spot, this space on Second Street outside the Sunday School annex will be a place for eternal resting places for us or loved ones, and a place to remember them and our veterans who make it possible for us to celebrate freedom and faith. Elder Mike Koch is in charge of the project, and has put in a tremendous amount of research and effort. Thanks, Mike, and blessings on all those who will gather there now and in the future.



Happy Father's Day

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As we approach Father's Day, my thoughts have been directed toward some of the great men of the bible. Our Father's as it were, who came before us, and led us to where we are today.

One of those prophets my mind was lead to, was Noah. For "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord; for Noah was a just man...and walked with God." But "the earth was corrupt before God and it was filled with violence." We read in Matthew 24:37-39 that the days preceding the return of Christ will resemble those during the days of Noah. Noah was diligent in crying repentance to the children of men, however, they would not listen. I read a quote by Spencer W. Kimball: "As yet there was no evidence of rain and flood. ... [Noah's] warnings were considered irrational. ... How foolish to build an ark on dry ground with the sun shining and life moving forward as usual! But time ran out...The floods came. The disobedient...were drowned." I fear we are becoming more like the people of Noah's day.

How similar are we today? What great faith! He had to listen to the Lord, and react even when friends and neighbors, perhaps even normal reason could have worked to make him believe the thoughts were not real.

Yet believe and listen, he did! What faith!

Abraham was a great example of a great man. He loved the people so much, and even before he was blessed with a son, God knew he could trust him to do what was asked. Abraham asked the Lord to spare the city of Sodom if He (God) could find just 50 people who were righteous. In realizing how wicked they were, he boldly asked God if he would spare the city for even 10 people. The Lord agreed, and Abraham was happy and went his way. Unfortunately not even 10 people in the entire city could be found, so they were destroyed.

He was a loving, caring father, who was asked to sacrifice his only son, whom he loved dearly. He did so willingly and without hesitation. Only after drawing his knife to slay Isaac, did the Lord intervene.

Even with all the examples throughout scriptures, the world seems determined to follow the same path that lead to destruction. This country was founded on God, and the doctrines of the Bible, to live and follow God. We can make a difference. I think of Jonah as well, who was told the city would be destroyed if they didn't repent. He obeyed God and went about preaching and these people listened. A mighty change came about, and they repented and the Lord spared the city. Many times we may think we can't make a difference because we are just one person. But Jonah was one person, but the big difference is he had the Lord behind him. If we follow the Lord's commands He will be there with us to help see us through the struggles and challenges.

It is my prayer that as we look towards Father's Day, that we give thanks for the many father's of the scriptures and heed their word to turn to heaven, God and His son, Jesus Christ and become a mighty strong nation again. May we be more like the city of Nineveh rather than Sodom. ~ *Sherolyn*

Art by:



Peyton Wickemeyer

We want to celebrate our new graduates.

Lance and Peyton are both staying local as they continue their education. Lance will be here at SVHEC for a year or so, then head on to Virginia Tech. Peyton will be going to DCC to finish her Associate degree she started in high school. Peyton was a member of the National Honor Society and the Art club while in high school. She also volunteered during the summer for Impact Danville and Team Effort Mission Organizations. After completing her Associate degree Peyton plans to a university (TBD) to major in art with a concentration in graphic arts and design. We are always so proud of our graduates, and wish them the best as they journey on in their education and in serving the Lord.





June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 27 5 cents a meal 9 am Worship 10 am Sun. School 11 am Worship 6 pm 6 pm NA	May 28 10:00 Prayer Group 12 pm NA	May 29 12 Noon NA	May 30 12 Noon AA 6 pm NA 6 pm Praise Team 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	May 31 7 pm Men of the Church 7 pm Al-Anon 8 pm AA	June 1 9 am Bulletins 12 noon AA 6 pm NA	June 2 NA—Women's Group 12-1
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- 1 Laylo Ridgeway
- 1 Lorene Womble
- 3 Deborah Lesnik
- 4 Corinne Williams
- 6 Carol Foster
- 6 Janet Adams
- 6 Catesby Saunders
- 7 Katy Temple Nelson
- 9 Paul Edmunds
- 12 Ken Cochran
- 12 Lauren Henderson
- 13 Robert Guthrie



- 16 Veronica Raney
- 20 Carol-Ann Lawson
- 20 Scott Carter
- 21 Eliza Dillard
- 24 John Lesnik
- 26 Jack Morgan
- 29 Grace T. Seat

If we don't have your birthday listed, please call the office and let us know.





May Session Report

At our last session meetings, among other things, we:

1. Opened with devotional by Don Cherry.
2. Heard information about security and safety plans.
3. Moved to purchase defibrillator for medical assistance.
4. Received balance sheets.
5. Heard updates on church website reconstruction.
6. Noted beginning and staffing for Summer Sunday School.
7. Rejoiced in Good Samaritan ministry results.
8. Heard report on missionaries, plan for mission conference in November with most of them present in US and here.
9. Heard update on memorial garden.
10. Looked at water and electric for picnic shelter.
11. Was updated on Memorial Day celebration.
12. Was updated on Operation G.R.O.W.

June 18

7:30 pm — Elders Meeting



Weekly Happenings

Men of the Church: Thursdays at 7 pm

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