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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

From the Pastor

During March, at this time in our Christian year, we have many opportunities to come together as a worshipping family. This holy month of Lent includes the World Day of Prayer (Mar. 2), Passion/Palm Sunday (Mar. 25), Maundy Thursday (Mar. 29), Good Friday (Mar. 30), and Easter Sunday (Apr. 1). We worship God throughout the year; however, this particular month is one in which we especially respond to the invitation to come into the sanctuary glorifying and praising our Creator and Redeemer. I encourage you to respond by coming together for these days of worship as well as the Soup and Word services that will continue throughout the season of Lent on Tuesdays at noon.

From the Presbyterian Book of Order, we read,

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.

As we worship together, we celebrate our unity and togetherness as a family of faith. When asked why we "come to church," perhaps, a good response would be,

From the beginning God created women and men for community and called a people into covenant. Jesus called, commissioned, and promised to be present to a people gathered in his name. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, orders, and empowers the new community of the covenant. To each member, that Spirit gives gifts for building up the body of Christ and for equipping it for the work of ministry. A Christian's personal response to God is in community.

One of my favorite childhood/teenage memories is attending the Easter Sunday worship service at my home church, Covenant Presbyterian. Surrounded by all of the sights, smells, and sounds of that glorious worship service, I always felt that, indeed, the risen Christ was there in that sanctuary hearing our words and songs of praise. In fact, I remember that, when I was @ 17-years old, I felt moved to attend both the 8:30 and 11:00 Easter services!

Thank you to our Worship Committee (chairperson – Kat McCoy) for their leadership of our worship services and program throughout the year.

Also, thank you to Becky Absher and both our Chancel and Bell Choirs for the beautiful, sacred music that is presented for our worship services

throughout the year. Their faithful commitment to this ministry inspires all of us to sing hymns of praise to the glory of God as we rejoice over the news at the tomb, "He has risen."

Peace and Grace, Brad

Session Digest for February 24:

The Session met on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, for a Session Planning Retreat. During this time, we discussed the upcoming year, reviewing the planning calendar, and also the Vision we have for the Wytheville Presbyterian Church. The goal of the session is to incorporate our Mission Statement into every aspect of our church. I would encourage each of you to read and reflect on this statement, it may lead you to serve on a committee you had not considered before.

Rooted in Jesus Christ, the mission of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church is entering to worship, leaving to witness, to serve, and to grow with love, hope, and faith within the congregation, community, and throughout the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Beth Pulliam, Clerk

The Session meeting:

Pastoral Concerns: Kitty Baird, Ron Blevins, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, Joann Cannoy, Ethan Challgren, Jared Cregger, June Crockett, The Dunford Family, Steven Ford, Nonia Gamble, Mary Gearhart, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, Herley Hudson, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, George Mock, Wes Robinson, Fran Rochelle, Ernest Williams, Sr., Louella Williams, Earnest Wilson, Millie Wilson, and Mary Jane Wysor.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.

2. Facility request from Adventure Cycling for an overnight stay May 16 – 17, 2018.
3. Facility Request from American Legion for their Christmas Party, October 12, 2018.
4. To extend an invitation to the Presbytery to hold the November, 2019, at the Wytheville Presbyterian Church.
5. To approve the 2018 stewardship theme – *Giving of Our First Fruits (Time, Talent, Treasure)*.
6. To approve the schedule for the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

Next stated Session meeting is April 15, 2018. Elder in Charge for March is Kym Dunford, Hatcher Hall Door is Jim Gearhart. Elder in Charge for April is Jim Gearhart, Hatcher Hall Door is Beth Pulliam
Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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Presbyterian Women:

The PW Circle 1 will meet on Monday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Parlor.

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Daylight Savings Time begins:

At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. Check your clocks!

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Dinner at the Children's Home:

We will be celebrating and eating dinner at the Children's Home on Monday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. A potluck supper provided by Wytheville Presbyterian Church will begin the time together. We will once again be giving gift cards to the youth that are present at the home. If you are interested in providing a gift card, please bring the money by the church office or place a check in the offering plate made out to Wytheville Presbyterian

Church but designated for “Children’s Home gift.” If you have questions, please call the church office.

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Hope Pack the Bag Program:

We will need help with pack the bag on Wednesday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the warehouse behind Smokey’s. We pack the 4th Wednesday of every month, so please mark your calendars.

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Wednesday night Bible Study/Program

Covered Dish supper/Bible study will not meet on Wednesday, March 28th nor on the week after Easter, April 4.

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Community Good Friday Service:

A Community Good Friday Service will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 30. All are welcome to attend!

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Preparation for Easter at the Wytheville

Presbyterian Church will once again include the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, March 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Worshipers will walk with Jesus as he is arrested, crucified and buried.

“**Tenebrae**” is a Latin word meaning shadows or darkness. It is an ancient service designed to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the tragic consequences of our sin and the greatness of the Savior’s sacrifice on Calvary. At the conclusion of the service worshippers leave in silence in proper humility, deeply conscious of the weight of hatred that nailed Jesus to the Cross. Meditate on this hatred as you prepare for the joy of Easter dawn and return filled again with the wonder and joy of knowing the Love of God, who was made man and who

suffered and died on this bitter day, but who became our risen Resurrected Lord.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and participate in this most humbling experience on Holy Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

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Flower Chart for 2018:

The flower chart is now available. If you are interested in signing up for a special Sunday in 2018, please put you name on the chart for that Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Crockett at 228-4050.

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Special Sunday School Note:

The Stuart Campbell Class will not be meeting the month of March. We hope to start the class back in April when the weather is better. We are still looking for teachers for this class. In you could help us out in teaching part time, please contact Nancy Crockett at 228-4050.

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Stewardship as part of Christian Living

Part of Christian Living is the conscious and devoted commitment to actions that help us become faithful disciples. This Stewardship of personal life will include personal prayer, Bible study, regular worship with the congregation, and being actively involved in serving others.

Stewardship is our joyful, grateful response to God for his many blessing to us by which we accept responsibility for the kind of world in which we live. We are called by Christ to a community where we rejoice together, share each other’s burdens, and encourage one another in the faith. We reach out daily together to the world around us proclaiming the good news of God’s Love with our words and our actions.

Blessings to each of you from your Stewardship Committee

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	3
				7:00 Bell Choir	7:30 Men's Breakfast	Robert Williams	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:05 Fellowship Meeting	11:00 Circle 1 7:00 Circle 3 Beth Pulliam	12:00 Soup 'n the Word - Wytheville Baptist	5:15 Choir Practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	7:00 Bell Choir Carrie Kemp	7:30 Men's Breakfast Katherine Minton Kathy McAllister	 Daylight Savings Time Begins	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Mary Jane Wyson	Emilee Mitchell	12:00 Soup 'n the Word - Wytheville Presbyterian. canceled inclement weather	5:15 Choir Practice	7:00 Bell Choir June Helton	7:30 Men's Breakfast Jacob McCoy	 St. Patrick's Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal</i>	6:00 Dinner at the Children's Home Benjah Bing	12:00 Soup 'n the Word - St. Paul Methodist	5:15 Choir Practice 6:30 St. Patrick's Day potluck supper Megan Lacy	7:00 Bell Choir	7:30 Men's Breakfast		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Palm Sunday</i>		12:00 Soup 'n the Word - Wytheville Baptist Robert Kendrick	4:00 Pick the Bags 5:15 Choir Practice No Wednesday Night supper or Bible Study	7:30 Mandy Thursday Service	7:30 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Community Good Friday Holy Trinity Lutheran	7:30 Tenabrae Service - Sanctuary	