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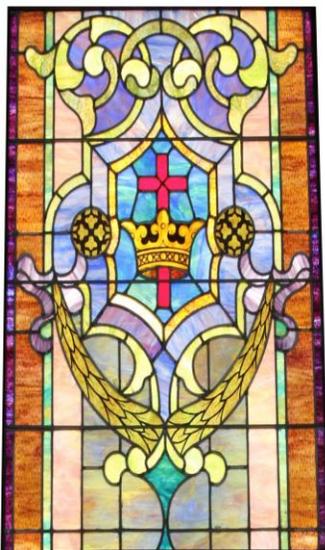
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Explore the

Ministry & Mission
of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

From the Pastor

When we encounter the challenges of our lives, let us remember the promise of God's steadfast love and the trust and faith that we are called to have in God. Consider this excerpt from the book, **In Him Is Life**,

"To trust one's life to the God who meets us in Jesus Christ is...to know, in times of uncertainty and fear and sorrow such as many of us have known, that God is not far off, that whether in life or in death we and those whom we love are in God's omnipotent hands, that darkness does not speak last but that God upholds us, sustains us, accompanies us through the valley of every shadow. Because in Jesus Christ God comes to us and stands with us even in the worst and most painful things, we are given faith that through the fabric of tragedy and trouble God is at work in us, for us; that our lives are in God's hands; and that even when we fall, we fall into the arms of our waiting Father."

These words remind us of this verse from a hymn that we sing often at the Cove Church service, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Also, together with Martin Luther, we sing these words of hope and promise in a hymn familiar to many of us, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing, our helper He amid the flood of moral ills prevailing...God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever." The words of this hymn are from Psalm 46.

During these months of Spring flowers and graduation celebrations, let us remember the many blessings of God on our families, church, and community and, with thankful response, let us raise our voices in songs of hope and thanksgiving. As the children of God, we affirm together that the words of John 3:16 are as true today and forever as when they first were proclaimed - ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Peace and Grace, Brad

Session Digest:

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The Session met on Sunday April 22, 2018, for a stated Session Meeting.

Pastoral Concerns: Juanita Ball, Kitty Baird, Ron Blevins, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, The Family of Mary Ellen Canipe, Joann Canoy, Ethan Challgren, Jared Cregger, June Crockett, The Dunford Family, Nonia Gamble, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, The Family of Herley Hudson, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, George Mock, Wes Robinson, Fran Rochelle, Ernest Williams, Sr., Louella Williams, Earnest Wilson, Millie Wilson, and the family of Robert Wiseman.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
2. Facility request from Wythe Arts Council: June 18-20, 2018
3. Facility Request from Wendy Collins: May 1, 2018
4. The Wytheville Presbyterian Church would like to joyfully acknowledge and celebrate the 15th Anniversary of J. Bradford Simpson, IV and Wendy Morrison’s ministry to our Church. Brad Simpson was ordained into Ministry of the Word and Sacrament on October 6, 1991.

Next stated Session meeting is May 27, 2018. Elder in Charge for May is Stan Martin; Hatcher Hall Door is Ron Boone. Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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Office Schedule:

The office will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

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Presbyterian Women:

The PW Birthday Offering Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 12:15 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Please plan to

join us! Circle 1 will meet on June 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Sunday School Information:

The children’s Sunday school classes will end for the summer on May 27. The Stuart B. Campbell Class will continue the study of the Bible and all are welcome to join them. The class is located down from the church office.

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Wednesday night Supper & Bible



Study

We will not meet on Wednesday, May 9 for the potluck supper or Bible Study. We will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. and travel to Wild Goose for a potluck supper and service.

We will meet on Tuesday, May 15 for our **final** potluck supper and Bible Study here in Hatcher Hall. There will be no Wednesday night activities that week. Wednesday night activities will resume in September.

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Cove Service:

The Cove Services will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for this wonderful service of hymn sings and scripture!

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60+ Adventure:

On May 15 we will be traveling to the Tennessee Ernie Ford museum in Kingsport. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. stopping at Cheddar’s to eat lunch and then to the museum by 1:30 p.m. Please call Scottie Kegley at 228-5166 by Friday, May 18 so we have enough transportation.

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VBS Schedule:

Please mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School. The dates will be June 25 – 28, 2018, and will be held at the St. John’s Episcopal Church.

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Graduates:

If you have children or grandchildren that will be graduating from high school or college in the coming months and would like to have it put in the newsletter for June, please send the information to the church office by May 23.

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WCC Band Concert:

The WCC Band concert “Shall We Dance?” will be on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, but a freewill offering is accepted to help pay for additional music.

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National Day of Prayer:

The National Day of Prayer will be held at the Withers Park (due to construction at Elizabeth Brown Park) on Thursday, May 3 at 12:00 noon. The speaker will be Rev. Harry Grubb, Pastor of Franklin Street United Methodist Church. Rain venue will be St. John’s Episcopal Church. This is an ecumenical service and all are welcome!

Baccalaureate Service:

Baccalaureate Service will be held Sunday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the George Wythe High School Auditorium. The speaker will be Jeff Lyerly, Youth Pastor of Legacy Church.

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Graduate Luncheon:

A graduate luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 20 immediately following the

worship service. The church will provide meat and drinks, with the rest being covered dish. We will be honoring our graduates from high school during the luncheon.

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Hope Pack the Bag Program:

We will need help with pack the bag on Wednesday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the warehouse behind Smokey’s.

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A Conversation with Myself

All that I am or have is a gift from God. That thought is significant as we approach the annual stewardship season. My favorite stewardship definition is:

“Stewardship is what I do with what I’ve been given.”

That prompts some important questions:

What time, talents, and resources have I been given?

Do I use my time wisely?

Do I share my talents with others?

Do I support the mission of the church with my resources?

The answers to those questions raise another one:

How can I become a better steward?

I can start by learning about the church’s mission and how it seeks to fulfill that mission. As a Presbyterian, I’ve been somewhat inclined to leave the study, planning, and decision making to our elected representatives, and I’ve been happy to occupy a seat on Sunday mornings.

No more. I want to be an active member—a learner and a doer. I hope to do that in this way:

By regular reading and studying scripture and Christian literature.

By reading bulletins, newsletters, posters, etc.

By participating in Worship services, Sunday school, Bible study, prayer groups, and Committees

As I learn more and more about the mission of The Church and of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church, I should become a better steward of my time, talents, and resources—God’s generous gifts to me.

*From our beloved, Herley Hudson,
Stewardship Committee*

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Special Offerings:

The Pentecost Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. This offering is used for the nurturing of faith of those who are the church to come—children, youth and young adults. 40% of this offering stays within the community and 60% is received by the General Assembly.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering received at Easter was \$500.00. Thank you for your generous donations!

The PW Spring Gathering received \$521.00 from the ladies of Abingdon Presbytery for the Wythe Refuge and Mercy House. Sharon Gallimore was a guest speaker.

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Food for Thought:

A Guide to Good Living

LEARN TO LAUGH -- it’s better than medicine.

LEARN TO ATTEND TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS – few people can handle their own well.

LEARN TO SAY KIND THINGS—nobody ever resents them.

LEARN TO STOP GRUMBLING—if you can’t see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.

LEARN TO LOVE OTHER PEOPLE—this is the doorway to the kingdom.

LEARN TO RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM—that is the only way to learn and change and grow.

LEARN TO PLACE YOURSELF IN THE OTHER PERSON’S POSITION BEFORE CONDEMNING—it might change your, who outlook.

LEARN THE GREAT LESSONS OF THE BIBLE—no greater lessons can be learned.

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Stewardship Moment:

Biblical stewardship touches every area of our lives. It requires a basic commitment to present ourselves completely to God as his servants, with no strings attached. The ultimate question is “Am I the lord of my life or is Christ the Lord of my life?” We can live under the false illusion that we can control our own lives, or we can submit to the rule of God. This is the difference between the phrase “I will” or the phrase “Thy will”. Whether we realize it or not, we face this decision many times each day. Our answer to this question will determine how we manage our time, abilities, money, truth, and relationships God has placed under our care. A quote from Dr. Kenneth Boa: “A wise steward will treat things according to their true value, treasure the things God declares to be important and hold with a loose grip the things that God says will not matter in the end.”

*Judy Crouse,
Stewardship Committee*

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Newsletter Information:

Information for the summer newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, May 23. Any additional news will be put in the bulletins through July and August. A July and August calendar will be available at the beginning of each month in the bulletins and will be e-mailed.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 George Bird	2 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	3 12:00 National Day of Prayer- Withers Park (in case of rain - St. John's Episcopal)	4 7:30 Men's Breakfast	5
6 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:15 PW Birthday Offering <i>Moms</i>	7 Carolyn Armentrout	8 5:00 Leave for Wild Goose 6:00 Potluck supper at Wild Goose 7:00 Service Nancy Crockett	9 No Wednesday night activities Tyler Crewe	10 Chris Bird Kelsey Baugher	11 7:30 Men's Breakfast	12
13 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	14 4:00 Finance Committee Lucille Bourne	15 10:00 60+ Trip to Tennessee Ernie Ford Museum	16 No Wednesday night activities Mary Gearhart	17	18 7:30 Men's Breakfast June Claire Morrison	19
20 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Graduation luncheon 7:30 Cove Service <i>5 cents a meal</i>	21 Genie Ford	22 Gail Kendrick	23 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study Last Bible Study until Fall	24	25 7:30 Men's Breakfast	26
27 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:10 Session meeting Kay Gilmer Susan Lilly	28 Office Closed	29	30	31 Laurie Mock		