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From the Pastor

During the month of May, we celebrate those students who will be graduating from our high schools and other students who will be receiving college and graduate school degrees. The milestone of a diploma or degree reflects years of commitment by our young adults and I join with all of you as we say, "Congratulations!" I invite you to pray for our students as they continue their journeys in life and faith.

Graduation month also provides us with the opportunity to celebrate our educators. I'm thankful that, in our community, there are teachers, counselors, nurses, and administrators who reach out to our students with their wisdom, compassion, and loving care. I'm thankful for retired educators who continue to tutor students and work in our schools as substitutes and even bus drivers. I'm thankful for college/university professors who remind us that education continues after high school whether a student attends a 2 or 4-year College. I'm thankful that educators impact our world in so many amazing ways as they encourage us to develop the talents and gifts that God has given to us. Whether you serve in our primary/secondary schools or in a college/university, you have answered God's calling to ministry and we thank you!

At church, we're also thankful for the many opportunities that we have to learn more about our faith. Our faith is "faith that seeks understanding." Remember, Christian education is the lifelong process of becoming the people of faith God calls us to become in Jesus Christ. I encourage you to attend Sunday School and the worship service each week and, also, the PW circles or men's weekly prayer group (Fri. at 7:30 AM /Shoneys Restaurant). Wednesday evening programs provide us with a mid-week time to gather for fellowship and learning.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Relay for Life activities of our community at Withers Park on May 12-13. This is an excellent opportunity to support the American Cancer Society and to join with others in the fight against cancer. We prayerfully remember the families of Wytheville Presbyterian Church who have been affected by cancer and who are going through treatment now.

Peace and Grace,
Brad

Session Digest:

The Session met on Sunday, March 26, 2017, for a Stated Session Meeting. Committee reports were received and discussed.

Pastoral Concerns: Beulah Bing, Jo Ann Cannoy, Joe Cavender, Family of Dan Challgren, Ethan Challgren, Denise Cook, Ken Cottrell, June Crockett, Mayetta Crewe’s Family, Hayden Cundiff, Agnes Davis, Marie Flanagan, Mimi Freidman, Jim Gleaves, Roy Hand, Carola Hider, Art Inman, Family of Alice Kelley, Family of Thorney Lively, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, Steve Moore’s Family, Lois Seagle, Ron Smiley, Ernest Williams, Sr., and Ernest Wilson.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
2. That all Facility Requests from the Wythe Arts Council for the use of the Church during Chautauqua be approved by Wendy Morrison and Beth Pulliam, at their discretion.
3. To activate the Nominating Committee to select one Elder for the class of 2018.
4. To hold a Congregational Meeting on May 7, 2017, to elect one Elder for the class of 2018, pending nomination.
5. To have Beth Pulliam serve as Interim Chair of the Personal Committee.
6. To accept the Presbyterian Meeting Report, as presented.
7. Express deep appreciation to the Bereavement Committee and to everyone who has provided support to the congregation and families.

Next stated Session meeting is May 28, 2017, there will not be a Session Meeting in April. Elder in Charge for April is Ron Boone: Hatcher Hall door is Kat McCoy. Elder in Charge for May is Kym Dunford: Hatcher Hall door is Ron Boone.

Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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... for my nation ...



First Thursday of May
www.nationaldayofprayer.org

National Day of Prayer:

National Day of Prayer will be held at Wytheville Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 4 at 12:00 noon. The speaker will be Dr. Dean Sprinkle, President of

Wytheville Community College and the theme for the service will be Education. Special Music will be provided by The Dye Family singers

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Presbyterian Women:

The PW will meet on Sunday, May 7 in the Fellowship Hall immediately after church for lunch and the Birthday Offering Meeting.

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Mission Trip Information:

The Mission Trip to Greenbrier WV to help with the flood relief from the Fall of 2016 will be leaving Sunday afternoon, May 14 or Monday morning, May 15 and traveling to White Sulphur Springs, WV. We will be hosted by a Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs. We will work that week on various projects. If you are interested in this trip, please prayerfully consider going with us, and talk with Steve and Esther Hider. Any skill level is greatly appreciated.

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60+ Adventure:

We will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. to travel to Jonesboro, TN, for Story Telling. Following lunch, we’ll enjoy listening to the 2017 season inaugural storyteller, Bill Lepp. The group will return to Wytheville by @5:30 PM.

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Stewardship Message:

When there is sorrow and trouble in your life, you have to think of all the many blessings that have come from God's hands. Think of the many blessings we take for granted: life itself, every bit of health, the ability to see, hear, speak, think, even our capacity to love. What should our response be? One word is the answer--gratitude. How do we show our gratitude? By giving back to Him a part of what he has given us. What have you done lately to show your gratitude to God? Let us share our time, talents, and resources to show that gratitude.

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Graduates:

Virginia (Ginny) Williams will graduate with honors from Sweetbriar College in May with a BA in Anthropology and History. She will be attending University of Tennessee for her masters in Information Science in the Fall of 2017. Ginny's parents are Robert & Kathy Williams.

Savanna DiYorio will graduate from George Wythe High School on May 19. She also will graduate with an Associate Degree in General Studies from Wytheville Community College. Savanna plans to attend James Madison University in the Fall and major in Hospitality Management. Savanna's parents are Chris and April DiYorio.

Grace Katherine Williams will graduate from George Wythe High School on May 19. She will be attending Wytheville Community College in the Fall. Grace's parents are Robert & Kathy Williams.

Graduation Sunday:

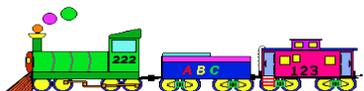
Will be held on Sunday, May 21st during worship service. We will continue to celebrate after church with a potluck luncheon. The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and beverages. Please come and enjoy being with our graduates!

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Cove Services

The Cove Service will reopen for 2017 on Sunday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend and bring family and friends with you. This service will resume on the 3rd Sunday of May, which is May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE!! ALL ABOARD THE GOSPEL EXPRESS SAVE THE DATE!!

Wytheville Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Community Vacation Bible School this year with Holy Trinity Lutheran and St. John's Episcopal

Church. From Monday, June 5th through Thursday, June 8th there will be Bible lessons, crafts, songs, and games for children age 4 through the 5th grade. Activities will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at noon. Plan now to bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors for this fun, spirit-filled event. Questions? Contact Sarah Angliker 276-356-2334.

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Mother's Day flowers

If you are interested in placing flower in church on Mother's Day in memory or in honor of a mother, please fill out a form below. Each flower is \$2.00.

Also, if you have flowers blooming in your yard that you would like to share with the church, please contact Nancy Crockett at 228-4050. Thank you for all your support.

Mother's Day 2017

May 14th is Mother's Day. The Flower Committee invites you to participate in an arrangement of carnations in memory/honor of our mothers. If you would like to have a pink or white carnation included in the arrangement in memory (white) or in honor (pink) of a mother, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate (or return it to the church office) with \$2.00 for each carnation. You may make a check payable to **WPC FLOWER FUND**. Forms must be received by the church office by *Monday, May 8th*.



I would like ____ pink carnation(s) placed in the church in honor of:

by: _____

I would like ____ white carnation(s) placed in the church in memory of:

by: _____

⌘ Please print or write clearly ⌘

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 George Bird	2 9:00 - 60+ Trip to Jonesboro Storytelling 7:00 WCC Band Concert	3 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	4 12:00 National Day of Prayer - WPC 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Bell Choir	5 7:30 Men's Breakfast	6
7 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Cong. Meeting 12:15 Trustee meeting 12:15 PW Birthday Carolyn Armentrout	8 6:30 Finance Committee Nancy Crockett Bill Gardner	9 Tyler Crewe	10 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study Kelsey Baugher Chris Bird	11 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Bell Choir	12 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:00 Relay for Life begins Jim Barnett	13
14 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship Mother's Day Lucille Bourne	15 Group leaves for Mission Trip to WV	16 Mary Gearhart	17	18 June Claire Morrison	19 7:30 Men's Breakfast	20
21 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Luncheon 7:30 Cove Service Graduation Sunday	22 5:00 Worship Committee Genie Ford Gail Kendrick	23	24 Run for the Wall	25	26 7:30 Men's Breakfast	27 Kay Gilmer Susan Lilly
28 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 1:30 Session Meeting 5 cents a Meal	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Laurie Mock			