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November 2017

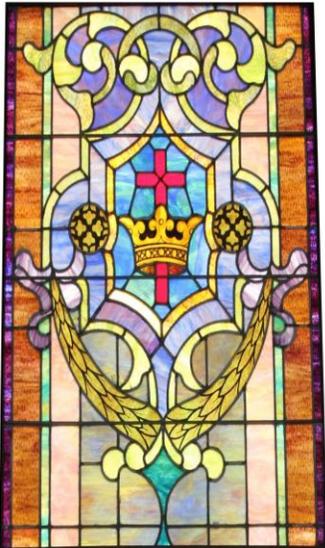
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From the Pastor

Thank you to our Stewardship Committee and Session for their leadership in encouraging us to share our time, talents, and financial resources with a spirit of faith and generosity. We sincerely appreciate the planning and preparation for our stewardship Thanksgiving lunch, a ministry of love, on October 25, and I thank our Elders who thoughtfully have presented stewardship moments during the worship services. Remember that, on **Sunday, November 12**, we will have the opportunity to present our pledges of support during worship. Let us prayerfully consider what we feel called to give, remembering that our giving reflects an important part of our spiritual journey. I hope that you will join me in considering an increase of your pledge over 2017. Also, if you have not pledged in the past, I encourage you to participate this year. Pledges are a critical part of the church's budget process and, as we look forward to our year of ministry in 2018, your generous participation is very important and much appreciated. Affirming the importance of stewardship, consider the following reflections as we prayerfully seek God's guidance:

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."

Leviticus 27:30

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:1-4

"A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"

Mark 12:42-44

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Stewardship Reflection (anonymous) "I am privileged to know many people who live generously. Their joyful faces, grateful hearts, and open hands remind me of God. Does joy lead to their generosity? Does generosity bring forth their joy? These are redundant questions. It is in giving that we connect to the heart of God and emulate the generosity of God in our own lives. Joy and generosity live in support of each other."

Peace and Grace, Brad

Session Digest:

The Session met on Sunday, October 22, 2017, for a Stated Session Meeting. Committee reports were received and discussed.

Pastoral Concerns: Ron Blevins, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, Ethan Challgren, Denise Cook, June Crockett, Hayden Cundiff, Steven Ford, Nonia Gamble, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, Herley Hudson, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, Family of Lisa Moore, Fran Rochelle, Ernest Williams, Sr., Lovella Williams, Millie Wilson and Mary Jane Wysor.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
2. Facility request from Gideons International – November 4, 2017.
3. Facility request from Kiwanis Club of Wytheville – November 6, 2017.
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5. Facility Request from the Grubb Family for a reunion on September 29, 2018.
6. To approve the Finance Committee recommendation to have Dick Martel remain treasure for 2018.
7. To have the selection committee for 2016 continue functioning for 2017.

The Session would like to express deep appreciation to Wendy Morrison and

Becky Absher for all that they do for the church.

Next stated Session meeting is November 26, 2017. Elder in Charge for November is Sarah Angliker, Hatcher Hall door is Beth Pulliam.

Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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Presbyterian Women:

The PW Circle 1 will meet on Monday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Circle 3 will meet on at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Parlor. The Thank Offering Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12 immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

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60+ Adventure:

Everyone is invited to come on the Sixty Plus Adventure on Tuesday, November 14. We will depart at 10:00 AM from the church to go to Rural Retreat. Following a visit at the newly restored Depot, our lunch will be at the Rural Retreat Winery. Reservations are needed by Sunday, November 12, and can be made by calling Scottie Kegley at 228-5166.

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Cove Services

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend and bring family and friends with you.

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YOUTH: Will meet on Sunday, November 5th at Wytheville Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. for dinner with program to follow.

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Stewardship Message:

LIVING INTO YOUR FAITH

The Stewardship Theme for 2017 has been “Living into Your Faith (Worship, Seek, Serve, and Give).

Our Christian journey leads us to worship our Lord individually and with others. Prayers and devotions become part of our lives. Participating in service projects and activities connected with the Church, Community, and the World brings us joy and a sense of accomplishment when we help others. We feel called to learn more about the Bible and its teachings for our faith. We know that the work of the Church requires financial resources and we prayerfully consider our response to the annual campaign. All of these statements and so much more are “Living into Your Faith”.

Our financial resources are only one important part of our serving our Lord. We are his hands and feet in this world. We should not feel obligated to worship, seek, serve, and give but should feel the joy in doing so. We have been blessed in so many ways and only a small portion is asked in return. We can never repay God for what he does for us every day. God Bless our Church and each of us!

Your Stewardship Committee

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Free Vaccination Clinics:

There will be free vaccination clinics at the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center at 410 E. Franklin Street on:

Monday, November 13th -7 a.m. - 1 pm
and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Seasonal Flu, Pneumonia, Tdap, Shingles Vaccines
Please call 276-613-7987 for your apt.

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Special Offerings:

We received \$415.00 for the Peacemaking Offering of which \$103.75 stays in the Community. We received \$150.00 for Puerto Rico. Thank you for your generous contributions!

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It's just a short time until Christmas. You won't want to miss the celebration

At the

12th Annual Christmas extravaganza

Wytheville Presbyterian Church

Friday Evening, December 8, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Appetizers

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Enjoy an evening of great food, outstanding entertainment and fine company of your friends

To host a table, call Linda DiYorio at 228-4981

To make reservations for dinner call Bebe Martel at 228-5063

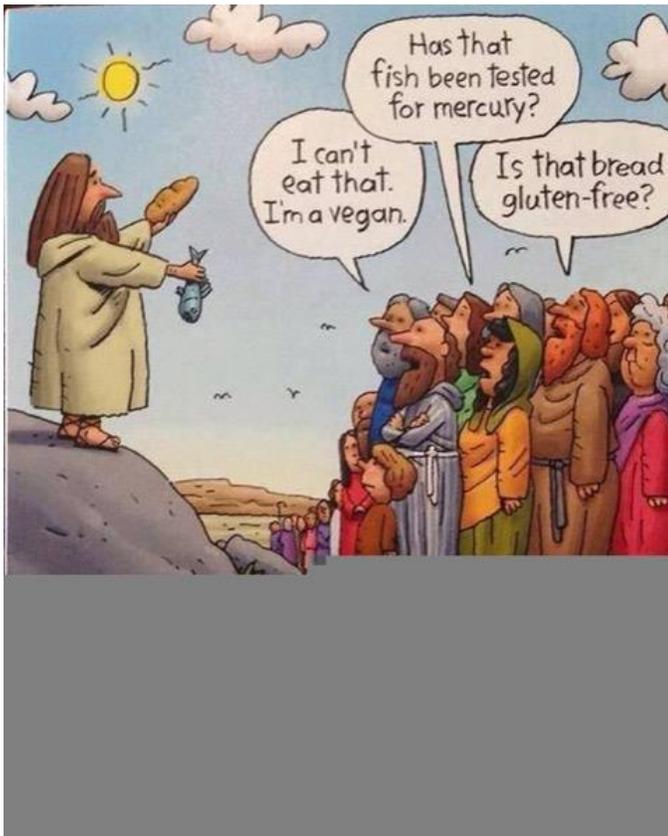
\$12 per person (you can bring your check the evening of dinner)

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Angel Tree:

The angel tree will be in the Hatcher Hall narthex on Sunday, November 21. Please take an angel, purchase and wrap the gift and bring it back to the church by Sunday, December 10.



**6TH Annual
Community Food Kitchen
5K Run & Family Walk
"STUFFED STRUT 2017"
Friday, November 24th
Start/Finish Line at
Wytheville's Smallest Church**

1090 Nye Road
Wytheville, VA 24382

► Check in: **8:15 – 8:45** a.m. ► Rain or shine!

► Start Time: **9:00** a.m. ► Participants who pre-register by Nov 10th will receive a T-shirt

☐ **Entry fees:** \$25.00 before November 10TH, then \$30.00

☐ Registration:

<http://www.active.com/wytheville-va/running/distancerunning-races/6th-annual-stuffed-strut-5k-run-and-family-walk-2017>

☐ More information: hope@wythehope.org
276-228-6280 ext 211

☐ On-Site Registration Available at 8:15 am on Friday, Nov. 24

Download registration form:

www.communityfoodkitchen.com/events.htm

and mail: H.O.P.E., Inc.- PO Box 743-
Wytheville, Va.24382

Bring the Stroller or your Pet –
EVERYONE'S Welcome!

Pets must be on a leash

***"Move Your Feet so Others Can Eat"
Proceeds will benefit the Community
Food Kitchen***

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POVERTY'S EXISTENCE = H.O.P.E. INC.
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ORGANIZATION**

**The Protestant Reformation: Our 500th
Anniversary**

(An Excerpt From the Presbyterian Church USA)

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther presented his 95 theses about the church and its need for reform. Five centuries on



**Community Thanksgiving
Worship Service**

Everyone is invited to come for the ecumenical Thanksgiving week service on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 PM at St. Paul United Methodist Church. This service will include an anthem sung by the Wytheville Community Choir.

**Special Invitation from St. John's
Episcopal Church**

Wednesday, November 8 - St. John's Church - 6:00-7:30 PM

The Episcopal Diocese of SW Virginia presents a series of conversations about "Pursuing the Beloved Community: A Continuing Conversation on Race." The speaker is Dr. Wornie Reed, Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center and Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Virginia Tech.

is an exciting time to reflect on what we bring forward from the past that strengthens us and future generations for the coming 500 years of ministry of the gospel of Christ.

Although the phrase “ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei” (“the church reformed, always being reformed, according to the word of God”) does not originate in the Reformation, we return to it as a watchword because it is accurate to that watershed moment. In (all times)—then and now—God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit’s ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helps us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

God’s ongoing sanctification of us is a gift for how we live together as the church, responding to God. This is why serious study of scripture for all people is an ongoing practice, in addition to communal worship and celebration of the sacraments. This is why we place such a high value on communal discernment in committees and sessions and decision-making. And while we have so much to learn, it is why our habits of conversation push us to listen to every single voice God brings into our midst.

“According to the word of God” means that we remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our whole selves — heart, mind and soul. We have recognized for centuries that our Christian life is not just study and it’s not just action: these two aspects of who we are (and they’re not the only two) constantly deepen each other. The more we practice love for one

another...the more we understand what love of neighbor is. And the more we understand what love of neighbor is, the more we can teach others and the more we know how to learn from others about the love of neighbor.

Our response to God’s grace in for us in Jesus Christ reveals our gratefulness in our words and deeds. We read in Scripture that we cannot say we love God while we hate our neighbor. If we are being reformed by God according to the word of God, then we “do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.” We seek the well-being of others, “the welfare of the city in which we live, for in its welfare, we find our welfare.” How we fulfill Christ’s two greatest commandments to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves makes all the difference.

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AAUW Safety Forum:

How often do we awaken to find headline news about a young girl or college student who is missing or who has been kidnapped, assaulted and/or killed? We hug our own children closer and wonder what we can do to protect them from a similar fate. On November 14, 2017, the local chapter of AAUW will sponsor a forum at Wytheville Community College at 7:00 p.m. in the Snyder Auditorium to address these concerns. The forum is called SAFE which stand for Seeking Affirmative Female Empowerment. We are hope to discover positive ways to keep girls and women safe. There will be three speakers who will address the issues facing young girls and women...women of all ages...and offer concrete strategies we can teach our children and ourselves. It’s a free event open to all. Please come and bring your children, you sisters, mothers and friends. We don’t have to become victims. We can learn how to keep ourselves SAFE.

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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			5:15 Choir practice ¹ 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study Ruth Anne Chitwood Jennifer Nichols	2	3	4
9:45 Sunday School ⁵ 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Group Ron Smiley	6 11:00 Circle 1 7:00 Circle 3	7	8 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	9 7:00 Bell Choir Maxine Manuel Bill Smith	10 7:30 Men's Breakfast	11 Kym Dunford
9:45 Sunday School ¹² 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Congregational Meeting 12:15 PW Thank Offering <i>Commitment Sunday</i>	13 5:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Finance Committee	14 Linda Rice	15 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	16 7:00 Bell Choir 	17 7:30 Men's Breakfast	18 Marsha Boone Sam Crockett
19 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service <i>Thanksgiving Service</i>	20	21 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service St. Paul Methodist Ethan Lavallee	22 5:15 Choir practice	23  <i>Happy Turkey Day</i>	24 7:30 Men's Breakfast	25
26 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service <i>Christ the King</i> <i>5 cents a meal</i> Debbie Larson	27 Letty Nance	28	29 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	30		