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From the Pastor:

The following reflection on “How Christ Meets Our Deepest Needs” is shared with you with the reminder that, as we move along our Christian journey, at times uncertain of the terrain that we are traveling, we are always certain that Christ walks with us. This excerpt is from the book, In Him Is Life, by The Rev. Dr. John B. Rogers. John is a retired Presbyterian Pastor.

“To trust one’s life to the God who meets us in Jesus Christ is not to believe that only good things will come our way, or that God will always order life on our terms. It is rather 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. To trust one’s life to this God who, in Jesus Christ, has the last word is to rest our grief in God’s compassion, our hopes in God’s promises, our fears in God’s faithfulness, our pain in God’s tender mercy, and our lives and the lives of our dear ones in God’s steadfast love. God never lets us go, but holds us in everlasting arms.”

These words remind me of the first verse of a hymn that is familiar to many of us, “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.”

During these months of Fall harvest and stewardship celebration, let us remember the many blessings of God on our families and our church and, with thankful response, let us bring before God the first fruits of this harvest.

Peace and Grace, Brad

Session Digest:

The Session met on Sunday, September 23, for a stated Session Meeting.

- A. Pastoral Concerns: Kitty Baird, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, Ethan Challgren, Jared Crigger, Charles Crockett, June Crockett, Nonia Gamble, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, Jack and Katherine Minton, George Mock, Wes Robinson, Louella Williams, Ernest and Millie Wilson.
- B. Motions approved by the Session:
 - 1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
 - 2. Facility request - from Bruce Ford to use the extra office when needed, as he is working at churches in the Abingdon Presbyterian District. Motion made, seconded, and passed.
 - 3. Roy Hand reported on the Church Growth Consultation with Matt Temple. MOTION: Create a Church growth Task Force. Motion made, seconded, and passed.
 - 4. .

The next stated Session Meeting is November 25, 2018. Elder in Charge is Sid Crockett, Hatcher Hall Door is Ron Boone.

Grace and peace, Beth Pulliam, Clerk

Presbyterian Women:

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, October 1, Circle 1 will meet at 11:00 a.m. Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Parlor.



Cove Service:

The Cove Services will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for this wonderful service of hymn sings and scripture!



60+ Adventure:

On Tuesday, October 16 we will be traveling to Draper Mercantile. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. Please call Scottie Kegley at 228-5166 by Friday, October 12 so enough transportation can be arranged.

Stewardship Moment:

It's that time again! Time to think about our commitment to our beautiful church. Everyone needs to take a moment and pray about our stewardship and what our heart tells us to do. What a blessing! We love our church family and I think God will guide us to be generous and give what we can towards our new year.

Trust in the Lord to guide us and direct us. With his love anything is possible. What a rich blessing! Think about it!

Shirley Cavender, Stewardship Committee



Newsletter Information:

Information for the October newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, October 24.

Homecoming Sunday:

Homecoming Sunday will be Sunday, September 30. We are so pleased to have The Rev. Bob Fiedler with us that day to give us the message. The Rev. Fiedler was an intern with The Rev. Dr. Tom Sproule in 1977-1978. Special music will be the anthem "This Is the Day!" by the Chancel Choir. We will have a covered dish lunch afterwards in Hatcher Hall. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring side dishes and dessert to share.

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Centennial Campaign – "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future"

Wytheville Presbyterian Church's Pledge and Participation

A history of the Children's Home records that, "Since 1919 thousands of children have entered the doors of our ministry, each with one thing in common...they needed a home. From our humble beginnings in Foster Falls to our current campus in Wytheville, we have been there to provide a loving home for girls and boys during the most difficult time in their lives. We believe that the best way to help heal from the hurt and anger they carry inside is to live in a home surrounded by loving professionals who are dedicated to show them a new and meaningful way to live their lives." In recognition and celebration of the Centennial of PCHH, an Endowment Fund has been established that will provide financial security for the ministry of PCHH for generations to come.

With pledges from churches and individuals, the goal is to establish a \$1 million endowment by the conclusion of 2020. As of this date, pledges have totaled over \$200,000. In response to this campaign, on behalf of WPC, the Session of Wytheville Presbyterian has made a pledge of **\$10,000** to be given to the Children's Home by the conclusion of 2020. This gift will be made possible through individual members' donations designated "PCHH, 100th Anniversary." Gifts sent directly to the Children's Home need to be designated for the WPC pledge if intended for this purpose. Also, the Mission Committee will be planning congregational meal(s) to celebrate this milestone at PCHH.

With our continued prayers and support, the ministry of love provided through PCHH will continue for years ahead!

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Fall Festival updates:

On Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a potluck supper. Please bring your favorite Fall dishes. We will play Bingo and have a Bible Study about the Fall harvests.



On Wednesday, October 31, Halloween night we will participate with the Church Street churches with Trunk or Treat. If you are interested in participating, please bring your car at 5:00 p.m. Park it out front with the trunk up and candy for approximately 1000 children. The children will come from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, please bring it to the church office by Tuesday, October 30. There will be no potluck supper or Bible Study that evening.

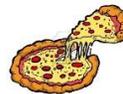
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Stewardship Luncheon:

The Stewardship Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 21 immediately following the worship service in Hatcher Hall. It will be a catered luncheon by the Stewardship Committee. They will be serving a turkey dinner with all the fixings and dessert. Please plan to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

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Young Adult Gathering:

There will be a Young Adult Gathering on Thursday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Moon Dog Pizza on Main Street. Supper will be provided! For ages 18 years and up!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	11:00 Circle 1 7:00 Circle 3 Clara Hicklin Nancy Scott Elmo Grubb	5:00 Worship Committee	5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	7:00 Bell Choir Jim Stone Farron Smith	7:30 Men's breakfast	
9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Nominatng Committee	Annette Washburn	J.B. Willis	5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	5:00 Ladies Night Out - Community Center No Bell Choir Ron Boone	7:30 Men's breakfast	
9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	Rose Stone	Esther Hider	6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	No Bell Choir 5:30 Young Adult Gathering - Moon Dog	7:30 Men's breakfast	
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