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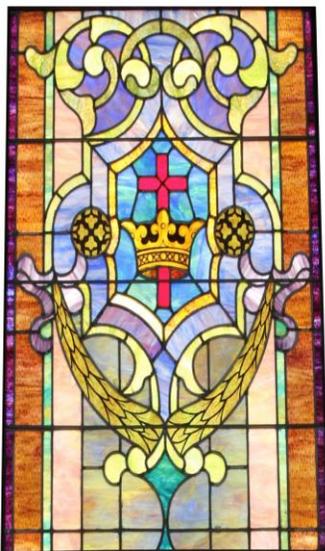
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Explore the

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

From the Pastor

As we describe who we are as Presbyterians, we affirm our “connectional nature” and celebrate the relationship we have with other churches in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). One of the best expressions of this attribute is in the book, Companion To the Constitution:

As important as congregational life is, it is not an ‘island entire of itself,’ to use John Donne’s phrase. The congregation’s life is improved by a healthy relationship with the denomination. The attitude of cooperation and participation fortifies the connectional nature of the congregation. It is far more useful for your church to expend energy as partners with the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, than to use the same energy to act unilaterally. When congregations work together in mission, the Holy Spirit charges all participants. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a family of governing bodies, of congregations, of members, of interests, and of resources. Cooperation greatly enhances the Kingdom’s work.

During these summer months, I invite and encourage you to participate in a number of events and activities that will help us to experience these words about our connectional nature in new, exciting ways.

On Thursday, June 8 the meeting of Abingdon Presbytery will be at the Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands in Wytheville. Elders, Pastors, and members of the churches of our Presbytery will gather for worship, discussion, decision-making, and lunch. You are invited to come at 9:00 AM or anytime during the day (until @2:30 PM) to visit the meeting and to learn what is happening in our Presbytery.

Our ecumenical Vacation Bible School is hosted this summer by our Church on Monday, June 5 – Thursday, June 8. You are encouraged to come to support this gathering of young people from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and other Churches in the community.

Thank you to the mission team (Jerry and Wendy Morrison and Esther and Steve Hider) who traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV, to support the ongoing flood relief efforts in this state that was devastated recently by flooding. They have many stories to share about their week of work and time together! Our church continues to remember the communities affected by the flood in our prayers.

Peace and Grace,
Brad

Presbyterian Women:

The PW Circle 1 will **NOT** meet on Monday, June 5 but will resume on Monday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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60+ Adventure:

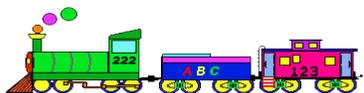
We will be traveling to Hungry Mother Park on Tuesday, June 13. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. Please call Scottie Kegley at 228-5166 by Monday, June 12 so reservations can be made.

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Cove Services

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend and bring family and friends with you.

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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.

This year the children will be collecting items for the Community Food Kitchen. We have a Mission Train set up to collect items. In an effort to help the VBS children fill the box cars, we ask for support in collecting these items. If you would prefer to make a cash contribution instead, the VBS staff will purchase items for you. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Angliker at 276-356-2334 or Pastor Simpson at Wytheville Presbyterian

Church at 228-4715. A list of needed items follows (sample size):

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Soap
- Comb
- Tissues
- Shampoo

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Summer Stewardship Lesson/Challenge

A Stewardship Committee member walked into his home panting and collapsed in exhaustion. “What’s wrong?” inquired his wife. “I had this great new idea to be a better steward of our resources,” he gasped. “I ran all the way home from the Stewardship Committee meeting behind the bus and saved \$1.50. “That’s great!” replied his witty wife. “Next time you can run behind a taxi and save \$10!”

There is a small lesson in this mildly humorous story. While there may be great ways to be great stewards, sometimes the most magnanimous and memorable acts are those that are from being a good Christian to others. For example, give some thought over the summer to the following: Random Acts of Kindness: Acts...Plural...can be anything from holding a door open for someone with their arms full, working at any or all of the aid and outreach centers such as Agape, or helping a neighbor struggling with outdoor activities such as yard work. Find a way to give 60 seconds of your time every day to someone else to glorify God. Maybe through such actions, we might find them at church on Sunday.

Fellowship by Grill: This is the time of year full of Bar-B-Que’s and Get-Togethers for all of us pro’s to show off our mad cooking skills. However, while it is an amazing opportunity to share with friends and neighbors food and fellowship, it is also the perfect opportunity to work in a little of our faith as an extra ingredient to the cook-out. Something as simple as having a blessing, prayer or praise before the meal might evoke conversation

about worship. They may not have a church home or be afraid to ask, giving us the perfect opportunity to break the ice.

Stewardship in the Community: While being good stewards of the church is important to all those in our congregation, it begs the question of outreach and bringing new people into the church. There is a human interest idea running rampant around the world called Paying-It-Forward. This will require you to turn your attention outside the church to what is going on around you. For example, you don't have to look very hard or far to find ways to serve God with your resources. If you find yourself in a situation where someone is struggling and you can make a difference in their life and glorify God at the same time, take such an opportunity. Just getting a struggling parent's coffee bill at a fast-food restaurant can have all the impact in the world. If asked, respond with, "making a difference in your life is a way for me to glorify God." Try these out and let us know the results of these campaigns and efforts.

Ethan M. Lavallee

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Sunday School:

Children's Sunday School classes will not meet June, July and August but will start back on Rally Day, September 10. The Stuart Campbell Class will be meeting the month of June. The Don Wysor Class will not meet June and July but will begin again August 6.

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Birthday Celebration:

We are celebrating the birthday of Eural Day Clippard on July 9th. (Eural's actual birthdate was July 12, 1927.) From 2 to 4 p.m., we will have come-and-go, informal gathering, with cake and ice cream for what I hope will be many, many friends.

The celebration will be at creekside at Hall Hill at Musser's Mill. The pasture gate will be open and you can drive down to the shelter. There is an old-fashioned outdoor toilet (Johnny house) near the creek shelter.

In case of heavy rain, we have the fellowship hall of St. Paul Lutheran church as a back-up plan.

I ask that you pass this invitation and information on to your members and any friends who may want to celebrate Eural's 90th birthday.

Please, no gifts; we are trying to get rid of things rather than accumulate more!

If you need additional information, call 276-686-0190. If I don't answer, leave a message OR e-mail me at priscilla.musser@gmail.com.

Birthday cards/messages may be sent to Eural at 856 Musser's Mill Road, Crockett, VA 24323.

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COMMUNION AND DEDICATION

SERVICE

Sunday, June 4 we will be receiving Holy Communion along with a dedication service of the new hymnbooks and the Tarter Room windows that have been given in loving memory of Dorothy Lacy by the Lacy Family. The Lacy Family will be with us for this celebration.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. This churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our gifts support children at risk in our community and the General Assembly programs advocate for children and developing youth and young adult leaders. 40% of the offering raised stays in the community and 60% is received by the General Assembly for these programs. Please give generously!

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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 June Dyer Crockett Wendy Morrison	2 7:30 Men's Breakfast Sarah Angliker	3 Marsha Otey
4 11:00 Communion Service Pentecost Offering	5 9:00 Vacation Bible School	6 9:00 Vacation Bible School Susan Pollard	7 9:00 Vacation Bible School	8 9:00 Vacation Bible School 9:30 Presbytery - Children's Home	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast Logan Morrison	10	
11 11:00 Worship Service	12 6:30 Finance Committee	13	14	15 Ann Williams	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast	17 Chautauqua begins	
18 11:00 Worship Service Father's Day Margaret Cundiff	19	20 Andy Cundiff Michael Lavallee	21	22 Trent Crewe	23 7:30 Men's Breakfast	24 Chautauqua Ends Steve Moore	
25 11:00 Worship Service 1:30 Session 7:30 Cove Service 5 cents a meal	26	27 Stanley Martin	28	29	30 7:30 Men's Breakfast Clara Baughman		