



The Presby

Summer 2018

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Explore the

Ministry & Mission
of the

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

From the Pastor

Wytheville Presbyterian Church is a community of believers that extends the invitation of Christ, "Come, follow me," to people everywhere. Reflecting on the importance of community, the theologian, Henri J.M. Nouwen, writes in his book, Making All Things New,

The discipline of community frees us to go wherever the Spirit guides us, even to places we would rather not go. This is the real Pentecost experience. When the Spirit descended on the disciples huddling together in fear, they were set free to move out of their closed room into the world. As long as they were assembled in fear they did not yet form community. But when they had received the Spirit, they became a body of free people who could stay in communion with each other even when they were as far from each other as Rome is from Jerusalem. Thus, when it is the Spirit of God...that unites us in community, no distance of time or place can separate us.

As the community of faith God calls our church to be, we worship, serve, learn, and fellowship together, opening our hearts and minds to the Spirit that guides us in our ministry. All people are invited to our community as family and are embraced with unconditional love and acceptance.

The spirit of community is especially present among the children and youth of our church. Our ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be at St. John's Episcopal Church on June 25-28. Volunteers are needed on **Mon., June 25**, to help prepare the lunch, and during the entire VBS, to assist with crafts.

With prayer, we remember the larger gathering of our community of faith for the 223rd General Assembly on June 16-23.

"Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, will converge on the America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering." Commissioners from Abingdon Presbytery include Jon Martin, Ann Manley, and Katie Pratt. For more information on the General Assembly, visit the website,

<http://www.pcusa.org/events/24276/223rd-general-assembly-2018/>

Peace and Grace, Brad

Session Digest:

The Session met on Sunday May 27th, for a stated Session Meeting.

A. Congregational Care: Verbal Report given by Kym Dunford.

Pastoral Concerns: Juanita Ball, Kitty Baird, Ron Blevins, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, Joann Cannoy, Ethan Challgren, Jared Cregger, June Crockett, Nonia Gamble, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, Jack and Katherine Minton, George Mock, Fran Rochelle, Ernest Williams, Sr., Louella Williams, Ernest Wilson, Millie Wilson.

Pastoral Congratulations to the Families of all the recent Graduates.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
2. Facility request from Cherokee Presbyterian Church, June 16
3. Facility Request from Lifeline Screening, August 17
4. Facility Request from Alpha Delta Kappa for the second Monday of each month, September – May.
5. The framework for *The Wytheville Presbyterian Church, Legacy Program, Investment Plan*, be approved.
6. To contract with Lifetouch to complete the new Church Directory.

Next stated Session meeting is June 24, 2018. Elders in Charge for May are Jim Gearhart, Beth Pulliam, and Kat McCoy. Have a safe and Happy Summer!

Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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Office Schedule:

The office will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

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Presbyterian Women:

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

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Summer Sunday School Information:

All adults are welcome to come to the Stuart Campbell Bible class each Sunday morning this summer, beginning at 9:45, for Sunday School. We have a great group of adults from the church leading the Bible study. The class is located on the lower level down from the church office.

Children’s Sunday School classes will start back in September.

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Cove Service:

The Cove Services will be held on Sunday, **June 24** 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 June 19 we will be traveling to Hungry Mother Park. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. eating lunch at the park. Please call Scottie Kegley at 228-5166 by Friday, June 15 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. Volunteers are needed from our church.

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Stewardship Moment:

Gardening with God

When you garden, your hands are working with many of God’s creations. The soil, weeds, water and what they can produce: fruits, flowers, plants and trees

that God created to beautify our world and sustain us and his gifts to us.

As we tend to our gardens, we are stewards of our gardens. In the same way, we must tend to our church's ministry in much the same way. We must weed out distractions and focus on the mission of the church, we must sow love and compassion, and much like we harvest the bounty for ourselves and others, we must do the same as stewards of our church, so that we may provide for our church in the same way God provides for us.

Happy Gardening and looking forward to a bountiful stewardship season.

*Ethan Lavalley,
Stewardship Committee*

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Pictorial Directory:

Wytheville Presbyterian Church will be having pictures taken for a pictorial directory on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29. If you would like to be included in this directory, please mark those dates on your calendar and try to hold them open to have your pictures taken.

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Newsletter Information:

Information for the September newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, August 22.

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Flowers:

If you have flowers in your garden that you would like to share with the church for Sunday morning, please let Nancy Crockett know at 228-4050.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast June Dyer Crockett Wendy Morrison	2 Sarah Angliker
3 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Communion Marsha Otey	4 11:00 PW Circle 1	5	6 Susan Pollard	7 9:30 Presbytery Meeting - Green Spring	8 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast	9 Logan Morrison
10 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	11 4:00 Finance Committee	12	13	14	15 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast Ann Williams	16 9:00 Chautauqua begins
17 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship Father's Day 5 Cents a Meal	18 Margaret Cundiff	19 11:00 60+ - Hungry Mother Park	20 Michael Lavallee Andy Cundiff	21	22 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast Trent Crewe	23
24 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 1:30 Session 7:00 Cove Service Steve Moore	25 9:00 Vacation Bible School Begins	26 9:00 Vacation Bible	27 9:00 Vacation Bible Stanley Martin	28 9:00 Vacation Bible	29 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast	30