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Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter into the Month of May, one might expect the days to be long and the temperature to be warm. However, as I write this to you we have just been under a frost warning; meaning the temperature has once again, dropped below freezing.

Hence, this time of year it can be warm and sunny or cold and rainy, or somewhere in between. This makes is very hard to plan what to wear and even what to do.

The truth is, much of life is the same way. One day we can experience calm and predictable, the next day we may face storms of many kinds. In many ways we don't know what to expect or when to expect it.

The good news however, is that our Savior is a Savior who is very consistent and very faithful regardless of what we face.

*In fact, we read in Hebrews 13:8 that **"Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever."** And even in Malachi 3:6 we read the Lord God declaring, **"I the Lord do not Change."***

As we live our lives in this world of chaos and change, what comforting words of hope are these.

This enables us to proceed through life knowing that our God is faithful and will always be faithful regardless of what we face and regardless of what comes our way.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor John

Session Digest:

The Session met for its Stated April meeting on the 23rd in the Session Room.

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Family of Ruth Anne Chitwood, Charles Crockett, Colleen Dunford, Pastor John Langham, Janine Madden, Bill & Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Judy Walters, Annette Washburn, Michael & Rachel Weller.

Motions approved by the Session:

- To accept a report from the Finance Committee dated April 11, 2023.

Review of Calendar of Events for May

- 4 - National Day of Prayer
- 8 – Potluck Supper @ Children’s Home
- 11 – Abingdon Presbytery Meeting @ Dinwiddie PC
- 14 – Mother’s Day
- 21 – Cove Service
- 25 – Stated Session Meeting/Retreat
- 28 – Pentecost Offering
- 29 – Memorial Day

Submitted by April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

Review of Calendar of Events:

- May 1, at 11:00 A.M. Circle 1.
- May 1, Circle 3 at 7:00 P.M.
- May 8, Potluck Supper Children’s Home at 5:45 P.M.
- May 14, Mother’s Day
- May 16, The Finance Committee meet at 4:00 P.M.
- May 21, Cove Service.
- May 28, Pentecost Offering.
- May 29, Memorial Day - Office Closed.

The Woman of Circle 1 will meet on Monday, May 1 at the home of Letty Nance located at 600 Wytheview Drive. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am with a short program on The Birthday Offering followed by Lesson #9 in our Study Book. This will be the last Circle meeting until Fall. Remember to bring a sandwich.

The Woman of Circle 3 meet Monday, May 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Cove Service:

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this lovely hymn sing.

5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, May 21. There will be a basket in the main entrance lobby and one for the people in the parking lot as they leave. Please make a separate check.

Mission Committee Project

According to franciscanhealth.org, “When families are not able to provide diapers for their children, a child can be impacted physically, mentally, and emotionally. Children who live in homes suffering from diaper insecurity often face constant infections and are often inconsolable due to discomfort. This can lead to increased child abuse and neglect.”

Every Sunday in May we will be collecting diapers for families in need. Sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6 are in greatest demand. The diapers we collect will be shared with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for their Drive-Up Diaper Distribution ministry which takes place several times each year. As a Care Portal church, we see the great need for diapers in our community and we often refer families to Holy Trinity. We have volunteered on Distribution days and would also like to support this community ministry through our own diaper collections. Diapers can be placed in the large boxes that will be in the Narthex and Hatcher Hall.

Your kindness is appreciated.

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Mission co-workers: Elmarie and Scott Parker serving in the Middle East are being featured in our May newsletter.

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Newsletter & Office Information: Information for the June newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, May 24.

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Stewardship Message:

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

We have all been given gifts by God. Each one of us is unique in his sight. We need to look deeply within ourselves and decide what that gift is and how it can be used for His good and to serve others.

Stewardship is not just about what we give financially but about what we give of our talents. If everyone would give a little of their time, much can be accomplished.

When you notice something that you can do in the church, please take the time to do it. Even simple things like wiping excess water off the sink in the rest room, picking up a piece of trash that has fallen in the grass, clean a cobweb under the pew in front of you, or put your bulletin at the end of the service in the basket in the narthex. If you can help in other ways please let the property committee know. Chuck Lacy is the Chairperson.

My mother used to say an Amish saying to us: "Many Hands Make Light Work."

Stewardship Committee

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Circle1@ 11:00 Circle 3 @ 7:00 Happy Birthday George Bird	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 11:00 Happy Birthday Carolyn Armentrout	8 Potluck Supper Children's Home @ 5:45 Happy Birthday Nancy Crockett Penelope Burke, Nick	9 Happy Birthday Tyler Crewe	10 Happy Birthday Chris Bird	11	12	13
14 Worship 11:00 Mother's Day	15	16 Finance @ 4:00 P.M. Happy Birthday Mary Gearhart	17	18 Happy Birthday June Claire Morrison Harper Mae Scott	19	20
21 Worship 11:00 Cove Service @ 7:30 P.M. 5 cents a meal	22 Happy Birthday Gail Kendrick	23	24 Happy Birthday Betty Gordon	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Susan Lilly
28 Worship 11:00 Pentecost Offering	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31			

200th Anniversary Celebration – As we members of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church prepare to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our church, let us take a look back at our heritage. For the next few months, we will include in the Newsletter a short amount of information about things that brought our church to where it is today.

In the early 1700's Scotch-Irish settlers came to what is now Southwest Virginia and brought their Presbyterian beliefs with them. These settlers came in two streams about the same time. Some came over the mountains from the Virginia colony. These settlers were more formal with their religion and services and believed their ministers needed much formal training. These have been called "Old School Presbyterians". Other Scotch-Irish settlers were slightly more recent migrants and entered America through the port at Philadelphia. They occupied farmland in Pennsylvania and soon overflowed into the valleys and migrated down the valleys to this area. These settlers were more what we think of as "frontiersmen" and were less formal in their services and requirements for their ministers. They have been called the "New School" Presbyterians. Both of these groups established churches in what is now Wytheville and Wythe County and would become important in what would eventually be the Wytheville Presbyterian Church.

