



# Wytheville

Presbyterian  
Church

## The Presby

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Wytheville Presbyterian Church

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Greetings Members and Friends,

### June Newsletter 2023 "God's Grace is Sufficient"

Greetings Members and Friends,

*If you are like me it seems like we cannot go very far into our day before we hear some bad news or even gossip. We turn on the T.V. or spend some sort of time on some sort of screen and we often hear about news that is less than edifying.*

*Sometimes that news may even be about us. Before you know it, we are battling to stay positive and battling to do all we need to do throughout the day in a productive manner.*

*Most of the time we may shrug it off and keep going, whereas at other times it may set us back, but when we are the object of unflattering news or negativity, then we are more apt to be affected.*

*The good news however, is that whatever news we hear or whatever we face, we are assured that God walks with us and even goes before us.*

*Whenever I face days like this, I remind myself of one of my favorite verses in the bible; a verse that comes from II Corinthians 12:9, which reads,*

***"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."***

*Friends, let this be a passage to memorize as we go through the day and even travel our journey of faith. May this encourage us and remind us of God's forever presence in our lives.*

Grace & Peace,

Pastor John

**Session Digest:**

The Session met for its Stated May meeting and planning retreat on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Children’s Home.

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Ken Cottrell, 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 allow Virginia Alpha Delta Kappa use of Hatcher Hall for their monthly meetings beginning September 2023 through May 2024, on the second Monday of each month.
- To allow the Abingdon Presbytery Mission and Ministries Committee use of Hatcher Hall on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 12:00 pm for a luncheon and program.
- To allow Gail Kendrick use of Hatcher Hall on November 3, 2023, and November 8, 2024, for Lifeline Screening.
- To approve a motion from the Worship Committee to change the time of worship to 10:00 am from June 4 until September 10, 2023.
- To accept a report from the Finance Committee dated May 15, 2023.

Information from the Meeting:

- The Christian Education Committee reported that they have scheduled VBS for July 31 and August 1.
- The Congregational Care Committee reported that the dinner at the Children’s Home was well attended. There were 31 church members, 7 children, and 3 PCHH staff present.

Review of Calendar of Events for June:

- 5 - Circle 1 at 11 am
- 5 - Circle 3 at 7 pm
- 5 – Parents’ Night Out, 6-9pm  
Hatcher Hall
- 13 - Growth Committee, 2 pm  
Hatcher Hall

- 13 - Finance Committee, 4 pm
- 14 - Christian Education, 4 pm  
Kat McCoy
- 17-24 Chautauqua Festival
- 17-24 Toy and Flower Show, daily 10-6
- 18 – Cove Service (tentative) 7:30 pm
- 18 – *Father’s Day*
- 19-20 PEEP Extravaganza
- 20 – Worship Committee, 10 am

Submitted by April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

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**Cove Service:**

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this lovely hymn sing.

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**5 Cents a Meal:**

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, June 18. There will be a basket in the narthex or one for the people in the parking lot as they leave. Please make a separate check.

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**Worship Committee**

*Celebrating our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 7 and 8.*

*200 years: Honoring the past; Inspiring the future.*

**Our Beginning** – By the end of the 1700’s, our area had been settled by many Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, both Old School and New School. The Presbyterian Church in America was working to organize these Presbyterians into congregations. As early as 1769 two congregations were organized in the eastern end of what is now Wythe County. In 1823,

Reverend James McConnell and Reverend Stephen Bovell organized the first Presbyterian congregation in the town of Evansham which later became Wytheville. Mr. Douglas Baker was elected the first elder and the Church became a member of Abingdon Presbytery. The membership called their Church Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church. Although no deed was ever recorded, the congregation probably met in a small building in the area of what is today Third and Franklin Streets. Mt. Tabor was officially established. In the years to come, Evansham would become Wytheville and Mt. Tabor would become Wytheville Presbyterian Church. Although there were other congregations meeting in the town before 1823, very possibly the Mt. Tabor church was the first officially recorded congregation in the town. Compiled by Sid Crockett.

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**Newsletter & Office Information:**

Information for the July newsletter needs to be received in the church office by Thursday, June 22, 2023 please.

# June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy Birthday June Dyer Crockett Wendy Morrison	2 Happy Birthday Sarah Angliker	3 Happy Birthday Marsha Otey
4 Worship 10:00 FATHER'S DAY!	5 Circle 1: 11:00 Circle 3: 7:00	6 Happy Birthday Susan Pollard	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Logan Morrison	10
11 Worship 10:00 Happy Birthday Kay Macomber	12	13 Church Growth 2:00 Finance: 4:00	14	15 Happy Birthday Ann Williams	16	17 Toy & Flower Show through 6- 24
18 Worship 10:00 5 cents a Meal Cove Service 7:30	19	20 Worship: 10:00 am	21	22 Happy Birthday Trent Crewe	23	24 Happy Birthday Steve Moore
25 Worship 10:00	26	27 Happy Birthday Stanley Martin	28	29 Happy Birthday Pastor John Langham	30	