



## August Newsletter 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

I think when it all comes down to it, we are all looking to connect. Some like to connect with others more frequently and in greater numbers, whereas others like to do so less frequently and with smaller numbers, but the bottom line is we were all created to connect and be social beings.

In fact, research shows that without some level of socialization, people deteriorate emotionally, psychologically and even physically.

Think back to the movie, "Castaway" with Tom Hanks, and remember his portrayal of someone who was alone for quite a length of time. Even though this was a Hollywood portrayal, we saw how things could certainly be.

Again, we all need connection to others, and with others, whether it be our friends, or family, or even strangers at times.

Apart from being a place of worship and Christian study, for many people the Church is a place where other social needs are met as well. In fact, many have often said, "I don't know how people make it without a church."

Furthermore, we read from Hebrews 10: 24-25, which reads, ***"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."***

How blessed we are to not only have a church where God is present and God is at work, but we are also blessed to have a church where we fellowship together, encourage each other, and even minister to each other.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Pastor John*

# The Presby

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Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

*Rev. Dr. John Langham, Pastor*

*April DiYorio, Clerk of Session*

*Becky Absher, Music Director*

*Tammy Jackson, Office Mgr.*

*Wendy Morrison, Bookkeeper*

**Session Digest:**

The Session did not meet in July.

Pastoral Concerns:

Ron Blevins, Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Shirley Cavender, Colleen Dunford, Scott Madden, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Mike Stephens, Michael and Rachel Weller.

Review of Calendar of Events:

- 10 – Abingdon Presbytery Meeting @ Gate City
- 17 – Annual Church Picnic @ PCHH
- 18 – Cove Service
- 25 – Stated Session Meeting

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**Church Picnic:**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, August 17, is the date for the church picnic. The Children’s Home is graciously allowing us to use their shelter and their pool for our event and the children living there will join us as well. Watch for more information as we get closer to the date!

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**Stewardship Message:**

Scriptures that are not frequently reviewed:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1) LORD               | Philippians 2: 9-11 |
| 2) THE CHURCH         | Ephesians 1: 10-23  |
| 3) THE UNSAVED        | Romans 3: 23        |
| 4) THE GUIDE FOR LIFE | Psalms 119: 105     |

Always remember, the LORD helps us in many ways, so never miss a chance to read from your Bible each, and every day and worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior abundantly.

Bill Pollard  
The Stewardship Committee

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**5 Cents a Meal:**

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on August 18<sup>th</sup>. You may bring it to the church, or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check. Many thanks for your giving.

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**Cove Service:**

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Please invite friends, and join us for this inspirational service, hymn sing, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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**Newsletter & Office Information:**

Please submit information for the September Newsletter to the church office by Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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**Hope Packs:**

Hope Packs are suspended throughout the Summer, but will resume commensurate with the school schedules in the Fall.

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**Monthly Meetings:**

- Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Hatcher Hall

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**Thank You Note:**

To my Church Family:

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, emails, phone calls, food and visits to me during my time of sorrow. It has been very hard losing Joe, and then my accident. My Church Family has given me lots of love and prayers. I am very grateful.

Prayers,  
Shirley Cavender

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**Circle 1 and Circle 3:**

Circle 1 and Circle 3 Presbyterian Women's meetings will be "on hold" throughout the summer months, but will resume as usual once Autumn is on the horizon. Watch future newsletters for the exact dates these meetings will start scheduling once again.

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**MISSION CO-WORKER SUPPORT:**

SHARON KANDEL - ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN

REV. CHERYL BARNES - MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

REV. ELMARIE PARKER AND REV. SCOTT PARKER - IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Happy Birthday! Charlie Madden
4 11:00 a.m. Worship	5	6	7	8 Happy Birthday! Becky Absher Marion Griffin	9	10
11 11:00 a.m. Worship	12	13 Finance Comm 4pm	14	15	16	17 WPC Picnic at The Children's Home
18 11:00 a.m. Worship 5-Cents-A-Meal Cove Service 7:30 p	19 Happy Birthday! Allison Farren	20 Worship Comm 10am Church Growth 4pm Fellowship Hall	21 Happy Birthday! Delores Ledyard	22	23 Happy Birthday! Bill Pollard Rosemary Moore	24 Happy Birthday! Martha F. Byrum
25 11:00 a.m. Worship Session Meets	26 Happy Birthday! Renee Crockett	27 Happy Birthday! Nancy Willis	28 Happy Birthday! Al Armentrout	29	30	31