



## May Newsletter 2025

### **"No Sunset"**

Greetings Family and Friends,

*As we enter into the month of May, we may not realize it, but the month of May has many unique things and many unique events that take place during this month. For example, May 1<sup>st</sup> is called "May Day" where several cultures celebrate the first day of May and see it as the beginning of Spring. We also know that May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Celebration of Cinco de Mayo, which is the celebration of Mexico's Independence from France in 1862. In our country, the month of May is teacher appreciation month. It is also the month that we celebrate Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>). For NASCAR fans it is the month of the Daytona 500 and for golf fans it is the month for the PGA Championship. Needless to say, there are a whole lot of things going on in May. However, one of the most interesting facts about the month of May is that in the Arctic, the month of May begins the season of summer, whereby the sun never fully sets. If anyone has ever been to Alaska during the summer, you may have experienced this and know what I mean. Some may find this enjoyable; others may find it a little bit of a challenge regarding when to sleep. For me, however, I find it to be a reminder of the fact that God is always awake and is never out of reach. In fact, in Psalm 121, we read, **"Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."***

*May this remind us, not now, or ever will God, be absent from us or unaware of all that we experience in our lives.*

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor John*

# The Presby

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### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Rev. Dr. John Langham, Pastor

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Wendy Morrison, Bookkeeper

## Session Digest:

The Session met for its Stated meeting on April 27, 2025, in the Session Room.

### Pastoral Concerns:

Noah Atwood, Ron Blevins, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Shirley Cavender, Sid Crockett, The Family of John Davis, Terry Dean, Colleen Dunford, Chimer Durham, Wysor Gearhart, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, Katherine Minton, Ron Phelps, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass.

### Motions approved by the Session:

- Approved the use of the parlor every Wednesday from 4pm – 5pm.

### Review of Calendar of Events for May:

- 1 - *National Day of Prayer*
- 8 – Abingdon Presbytery Meeting @ Buchanan First
- 11 – *Mother's Day*
- 18 – Stated Session Meeting
- 18 – Cove Service
- 25 – Luncheon for Graduate, Heidi Pulliam
- 26 – *Memorial Day, Office Closed*

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## Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Sunday School Class is presently studying Romans Part #2. If you haven't attended Sunday School in a while, give this class a try. We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., in the *primary* Sunday School Room (across from the Choir Room). It is most fulfilling.

Jim Gearhart

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## Stewardship Message:

“Stewardship refers to the responsible management, oversight, and care of something entrusted to one’s care.”

This responsibility encompasses the present and the future and that is why we as a congregation should feel a sense of duty that the decisions we are making value something for this generation as well as future generations. We are managing something that belongs to God as well.

These responsibilities are not only the financial management of the church but the environmental and religious practices.

“In essence, stewardship is about acting as a responsible manager and caretaker of what has been entrusted to us” for all our benefits.

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### 5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the **5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, May 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, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fellowship, hymn singing, and an inspirational message within the walls of one of Wythe County's most historic remaining "country churches". Hope to see you there!

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### Graduation Announcement:

We are very proud to congratulate Heidi Pulliam on her hard work and scholastic achievement! She will graduate this month from George Wythe High School with an Advanced Diploma, in addition to an Associate's Degree from Wytheville Community College. She will be attending James Madison University and has received the Centennial Scholarship. She hopes to Major in Nursing, with a minor in Business. The Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck luncheon in honor of Heidi on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, in Hatcher Hall, following Worship Service. Please join us in wishing Heidi much success and happiness as she opens the door to a new and exciting portion of her life.

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### Newsletter & Office Information:

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

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### Hope Packs:

Wytheville Presbyterian Church has set aside the **4th Wednesday of each month**, to assist with the HOPE PACKS preparation. Please consider joining us at **Open Door Community, located at 680 W Main Street, Wytheville, on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** It will only require about one hour of your time to make a difference in the life of a hungry child.

HOPE PACKS is a weekend program that provides food for children in Wythe and Bland Counties who are dealing with food insecurity. The Packs are prepared on Wednesdays and delivered to 15 area schools in Wythe and Bland Counties, who then distribute the packs to children in need of food. Wytheville Presbyterian Church joins other area churches and organizations to prepare about 850 Packs each week. Such a small sacrifice, to make sure none of our precious children are forced to struggle through a weekend with little, or no food.

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### **Monthly Meetings:**

Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Circle 1, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Letty Nance (Bring a sandwich)
Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Circle 3, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Session Meeting, following morning Worship Service

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### **Circle 1 and Circle 3:**

Circles 1 and 3 will meet on Monday May 5. Circles will have a brief program on the Birthday Offering which will be received at the meeting.

**Circle 1 will meet at the home of Letty Nance, 600 Wytheview Drive, beginning at 11:00 am.** Members are reminded to bring a sandwich. **Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.** Both Circles will study Lesson 9.

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### **Mission Project:**

May marks the beginning of our **Annual Diaper Collection** for children in need in our community. Diapers that we collect will be shared with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for their Drive-Up Diaper Drive ministry which takes place several times each year. Diapers will be collected throughout the month and can be placed in marked boxes in the Narthex and in Hatcher Hall. Sizes 3,4,5, and 6 are in the greatest demand. Cash and check contributions are also welcomed. Place cash or a check in a sealed envelope and mark "Diaper Collection" on the envelope, or the memo line of a check and place your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office. At the February Diaper Drive-Up event, 59 families received diaper packages for 102 children. Your generosity makes a difference!

### **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 National Day of Prayer Happy Birthday! George Bird	2	3
4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	5 Circle 1 Meets 11:00 a.m. at the home of Lettie Nance Circle 3 Meets 7:00 p.m. F.H.	6	7 Happy Birthday! Carolyn Armentrout	8 Happy Birthday! Nancy Crockett Penelope Burke Nick Burke	9 Happy Birthday! Tyler Crewe	10 Happy Birthday! Chris Bird
11 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	12	13 Worship Comm10am  Finance Comm Meeting 4 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> "5-Cents-A-Meal" offering <b>Cove Service 7:30 p.m.</b> Presbyterian Heritage Sunday SESSION meets after service Happy Birthday! June Claire Morrison Harper Mae Scott	19	20	21 <b>HOPE PACKS</b> 5:00 p.m.	22 Earth Day Happy Birthday! Gail Kendrick	23	24 Happy Birthday! Betty Gordon
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> Potluck Luncheon for Heidi Pulliam following Worship Service	26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 Happy Birthday! Susan Lilly	28	29 <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	30	31

