



May Newsletter 2026

“Set Free”

Greetings Family and Friends,

As we enter into the month of May, for many people this is just an ordinary month; go to work, go to school, come home. However, for anyone who is a student or teacher and still in school, the end of May signals the beginning of summer break. The days continue to get a little longer and the end of school is on the horizon. Hence, it becomes a time to plan summer trips, a time to head to the pool or lake, and a time to enjoy great weather. In other words, it is a time to be set free! It is a time to be set free from work. It is a time to be set free from school. It is a time to be set free from other things that burden us and tie us down. Well very much in the same way, in and through Jesus Christ, we all have the opportunity to be set free! We all have the opportunity to be set free spiritually and behaviorally from the things that hold us back and keep us down. In fact, elsewhere we read, from 1 Peter 2:16, “Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God”. Also, from Hebrews 12:1-2, we read, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Friends, the bottom line is, God gives us hope and the Spirit of God empowers us to live lives, where we are set free; set free from the things that burden us and set free from the things that hold us back!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

The Presby

May 2026

**Wytheville Presbyterian
Church**

285 Church Street

Wytheville, VA 24382

Phone: (276)228-4715

Email:

wpchurch@embarqmail.com

wythevillepresbyterianchurch.org

Office Hours:

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 Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 26th was temporarily postponed due to a lack of available session members. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 3rd.

Calendar of Events for May:

- 3 – Stated Session Meeting (April)
- 7 - *National Day of Prayer*
- 10 – *Mother's Day*
- 14 – Abingdon Presbytery Meeting @ Hillsville PC
- 17 – Potluck Luncheon
- 17 – Cove Service
- 25 – *Memorial Day, Office Closed*

* * * * *

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 will meet on **Monday, May 4th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Our Bible lesson will be Lesson 9 in our study book. This will be the **last Circle meeting until Fall.** Bring a sandwich and join us for Bible Study and fellowship.

* * * * *

Circle 3 will meet on **Monday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.**

* * * * *

Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Adult Sunday School Class is meeting each Sunday at 9:45AM in the Children's Classroom across from the Choir Room.

* * * * *

New Bible Study/Video Series:

Beginning Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Pastor John will be leading a six-week Bible Study/Video Series on **Understanding Our Spiritual Gifts.** **The study will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will end with Dessert.** All are welcome!

* * * * *

Choir:

The Chancel Choir will practice each Wednesday afternoon at 5:30, unless otherwise notified.

* * * * *

Monthly Meetings:

Sunday, May 3 rd	Session Meets following Worship
Monday, May 4 th :	Circle 1, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 4 th :	Circle 3, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 12 th :	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19 th :	Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 19 th :	Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Special Event:

Fellowship Potluck Luncheon

Mark your calendars! The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a **Fellowship Potluck Luncheon in Hatcher Hall on Sunday, May 17th after the Worship Service!** The Church will provide chicken, bread and tea. We ask that the congregation complete the meal by bringing side dishes, salads, and desserts. Yummm! Hope to see you there!

* * * * *



5- Cents a Meal:

Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, May 17th**. 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 and notate on the memo line. Many thanks for your giving.

* * * * *

Cove Service:

The next **Cove Service will be Sunday, May 17th! Please plan to join us every 3rd Sunday 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 "rural churches". Hope to see you there!

* * * * *



Hope Packs:

HOPE Packs assembly assistance is desperately needed to aid our school-age children. WPC has chosen the 4th Wednesday of each month to assemble HOPE PACKS at OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY, located at 680 W Main Street, Wytheville, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for Wythe and Bland County Schools. The program is designed to combat hunger during weekends for the students who may not have access to sufficient food. HOPE PACKS assembly takes only about an hour of your time, one day per month. **The next WPC assembly is Wednesday, May 27th, at 5:00 p.m.** So please consider helping with this simple task that may help to change the life of one or more of our children. Hope to see you there!

* * * * *

Mission Committee Messages:

MISSION PROJECT

ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE 2026

Sunday, May 3rd marks the beginning of our **Annual May Diaper Collection** for children in need in our community. The diapers we collect will be shared with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for their Drive-Up Diaper Drive ministry which takes place several times each year. We have provided support for this ministry since 2022. **Diapers will be collected throughout the month and can be placed in marked boxes in the Narthex and in Hatcher Hall. Sizes 2,3,4,5 and 6 are in the greatest demand. This year we will also be collecting Diaper Baby Wipes. Cash and check contributions are also welcomed. Place cash or a check in a sealed envelope and mark “Diaper Collection” on the envelope or on the memo line of a check, and place your donation in the Offering plate, or bring it to the Church Office.**

We know that when families cannot provide diapers for their children, a child can be impacted physically, mentally and emotionally, and parents can suffer from stress and desperation.

In 2025, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church distributed more than 100,000 diapers to families! Your generosity makes a big difference. Our goal for 2026 is to contribute 800 diapers!!

MISSION PROJECT

APPALACHIAN TRAIL MAGIC 2026

In early 2024 our Mission Committee began exploring Trail Magic and the opportunity to provide food and fellowship to hikers passing through Virginia. The more we learned, the more excited we became to join the thousands of individuals, organizations and churches offering Trail Magic to hikers between the Trail’s southern terminus at Springer Mountain, Georgia and the northern terminus at Katahdin, Maine (2,190 miles).

According to the Appalachian Trail website, “Trail Magic can take many forms ... but most often when hikers think of Trail Magic, they think of kind strangers parked at Trail crossings with coolers full of beverages and food”.

That is exactly what we plan to do again this year!

Here are the details:

WHEN: Thursday, May 21st, 1:00 to 6:00 (will be rescheduled if weather does not permit)

WHERE: Suiter parking lot along the Trail in Bland County. Watch for more details in Announcements.

(Continued on Page 5)

WHAT: A large table full of fruits, veggies, cookies, and Nancy Crockett’s Million Dollar brownies (A Trail Sensation), salty snacks, “trail mix”, etc.; Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, coolers full of water, Gatorade, sodas; and some first aid supplies

WHO: Members and friends of our church enjoying fellowship with hikers and each other.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR A FUN AND “MAGICAL AFTERNOON”

For more information, contact Lisa Moore (276) 920-1052 or Hal Absher (276) 617-2150

* * * * *



Newsletter & Office Information: Please submit your information for the **June 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Monday, May 18th**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

* * * * *

May

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy Birthday! George Bird	2
3 5 th Sunday of Easter Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service	4 Circle 1 , 11am Circle 3 , 7pm	5 Happy Birthday! Brenda Williams	6	7	8 Happy Birthday! Nancy Crockett, Penelope Burke, & Nick Burke	9 Happy Birthday! Tyler Crewe
10 6 th Sunday of Easter Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service Mother's Day 5-Cents-A- Meal offering Happy Birthday! Chris Bird	11	12 Finance Comm. 4:00pm, Session Room	13	14	15	16
17 7 th Sunday of Easter Adult Sunday School 9:45 11 A.M. Worship Service COVE SERVICE 7:30 p.m. 5-Cents-A-Meal offering FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK	18 Happy Birthday! June Claire Morrison & Harper Mae Scott	19 Worship Comm 10:00am Church Growth 4:00 F.H.	20	21	22 Happy Birthday! Gail Kendrick	23
24 Day of Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11A.M. Worship Service Happy Birthday! Betty Gordon	25 Office Closed for Memorial Day	26	27 HOPE PACKS Happy Birthday! Susan Lilly	28	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11A.M. Worship Service						