



The Presby

July 2026

**Wytheville Presbyterian
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July Newsletter 2026

"True Freedom"

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter the month of July, the most obvious thing about this month is that it is the month in which we celebrate our nation's birthday, freedom and independence. We celebrate the fact that we are a unique country with rights and freedoms that others may not have. In fact, one of the biggest rights is the right and freedom to agree with our nation's views and the right to not agree. That is what truly makes us free.

Very much in the same way as we look at our faith and our relationship with God, even though it is God's desire that we live in obedience to God, we are not forced to do so. However, the more we cling to God and the more we draw close to God, the more likely we are to live lives of liberty and freedom.

For example, Galatians 5:13, reminds us of this as it states: *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

Let us all then, exercise our freedom in Christ, by living lives of obedience, in order to please God in all we do and enhance our own lives along the way.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

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SESSION DIGEST

The Session met for its stated meeting on June 28, 2026, in the Session Room. The next stated meeting is scheduled for August 23.

Pastoral Concerns: Ron Blevins, Shirley Cavender, Colleen Dunford, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, the Family of Bebe Martel, Katie Newland, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Ernie Williams.

Motions approved by the Session:

- Approved the use of Hatcher Hall on Saturday, November 14, 8 am-5 pm, by the Mt. Empire District Boy Scouts.
- Approved the use of the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 31, 4 pm – 7 pm, for a musical event by Albert Newberry and friends.
- Approved a motion to accept an invitation from Gideons International to attend worship and speak on August 2, 2026.
- Accepted the financial reports for May 2026.
- Approved a motion to accept a piano from Sarah Angliker that will replace the piano in Hatcher Hall.

Review of Calendar of Events for July:

4 – *Independence Day*
5 – Communion
14-18 - Lions Club Charity Carnival
19 - Cove Service

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Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 and Circle 3 Presbyterian Women will not meet again until the Fall season. Please watch your newsletters and weekly bulletins for updates and scheduled meetings as the Autumn season approaches.

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Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Adult Sunday School Class has embarked upon it's summer break. Class will resume in the Fall. Please watch for updates in your newsletter and your weekly Bulletin Announcements for further details and Class Schedules as the Fall season approaches.

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Choir:

The Chancel Choir will suspend practice throughout the summer months; however watch the Newsletter and weekly announcements as the fall season approaches for news regarding a return to practice.

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Monthly Meetings:

Tuesday, July 14 th :	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 21 st :	Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 21 st :	Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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5- Cents a Meal:



Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, July 19th** . 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.

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Cove Service:

The next **Cove Service will be Sunday, July 19th! Please plan to 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 "rural churches". Hope to see you there!

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Hope Packs:

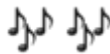


Hope Packs Assembly has been suspended throughout the "summer-break" months. Assembly of the HOPE PACKS will resume commensurate to the reopening of Wythe and Bland County School system schedules in August. Watch your newsletter for updates.



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Musical Entertainment:



The music department of WPC is delighted to host an impressive trio consisting of Albert Newberry(piano) Brian Mesko(guitar) and Willis Greenstreet (many instruments) on **Friday, July 31**. All three musicians are accomplished in their own right, but together, they are superb. Please join us at 5pm in the sanctuary.

More details will follow.



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WPC ANNUAL PICNIC:

Save the date!! Church Picnic Sunday, August 9, at Elizabeth Brown Park! [More details to follow!](#)



Newsletter & Office Information: Please submit your information for the **August 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Friday, July 24th**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service	13	14 Finance Comm. Meets at 4:00 pm	15 Happy Birthday! Chimer Durham	16 Happy Birthday! Glenda Martin	17	18
19 8 th Sunday After Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service 5-Cents-A-Meal offering COVE Service 7:30pm Happy Birthday! Pat Hurst	20 Happy Birthday! Jamie Ritter	21 Worship Comm 10:00 am Church Growth 4:00 F.H.	22	23 Happy Birthday! Jim Gearhart	24 Happy Birthday! Evalyn Love Ritter	25 Happy Birthday! Elsa Jane Morrison
26 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 11A.M. Worship Service	27	28 Happy Birthday! Bob Fore	29	30 Happy Birthday! Dr. Rev. Donald Nance	31 Musical Entertainment with Albert Newberry & Friends, 5 p.m.	

