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From the Pastor's Desk...

"Go up on a high mountain, messenger Zion! Raise your voice and shout, messenger Jerusalem! Raise it; don't be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' Here is the Lord God, coming with strength, with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him and his payment before him. Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock; he will gather lambs in his arms and lift them into his lap." Isaiah 40:9-11

To a people in exile, removed from their land and their faith, Isaiah declares that the people find the highest mountaintop to declare that God is coming in strength to care for his people again like a loving shepherd. Isaiah calls the people to find their footing in a new place, to venture out to a new vantage point, so they might declare God's goodness. To a church who has moved through another school year and most of another liturgical year (Advent until Pentecost), perhaps we do well to heed Isaiah's advice in the summer months, to find some new footing, a new vantage point, to discover something new about the grace of God at work in our lives.

Summer may be a time of slower schedules, family vacations, and trips to the pool, but in the life of our congregation summer is a time with many opportunities for focused engagement with your community of faith. For our children, our "Where Is Jesus?" Vacation Bible School kicks off the month of June. For the adults, Dr. Andrew Smith's "Calvinism and Its Discontents" (more information on both offerings is found in this newsletter) offers a chance to explore Presbyterian history in the American South, to understand where we have come from so that our eyes might be open to where God is leading us.

Following VBS, the summer church travel season to the "high mountains" of North Carolina begins as six of our high schoolers venture to the Montreat Youth Conference, to be followed later in the month by seven of our adults participating for the first time in the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Even though gathering permission forms and pleading for final payments makes me feel like a travel agent some days, these opportunities give us new footing to declare God's faithfulness in new ways.

But that's not all! In July we will host Appalachian Outreach volunteers, with opportunities for you to give your time through preparing, serving, and cleaning up breakfast and dinner each day. Then in the middle of July ten of our youth and three chaperones return to CROSS Missions in Charlotte, North Carolina, to explore where God is at work in the midst of urban poverty, gaining a new vantage point on God's work in the world.

So many opportunities to step out of the routine of the year, to find new footing, to experience God in new ways! What excitement this is for those who travel, and what opportunities for us all to learn and serve and pray for each other! Be part of your church family this summer, find new footing, look out on God's work again and discover yourself in the flock of the shepherd, renewing and sustaining your life.

Gratefully,
 Andrew

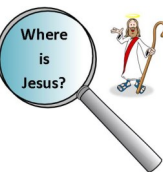
Announcements



KISS THE PIG!

Three volunteers— Angie France, Andrew Whaley, and Phil Williams— will be candidates for the **Kiss the Pig** contest to be held Sunday, June 1st, in conjunction with Ark Animal Day. Farm animals will visit in the west lawn from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. that morning. The volunteer with the highest amount of money placed in their box will then publicly kiss a pig! Boxes for each contestant are located in the library (**Deadline 10:00 a.m. June 1**). Make your contribution to the candidate of your choice with all proceeds going to the mission fund. Celebrate the sending of the Ark Two by Two for Heifer International (using the remains of our 2013 Yard Sale proceeds) and raise money for missions! "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

WHERE IS JESUS?!



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, June 1-Wednesday, June 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Our theme for this year is, *Where is Jesus*. Through stories, games, crafts, and snacks we will grow together in love for God and one another. Our Adult VBS program will be led by the Rev. Andrew Smith, titled "Calvinism and Its Discontents: Reformed Christianity and the Emergence of the 'Bible Belt.'" Please check your weekly Bulletins for more information as the date approaches. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kay Rutherford-Williams (865-475-5057).



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FREE TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR



*Are your smart phones smarter than you?
 Are your computers shooting troubles at you?
 Are your manuals written in a foreign language?*

Well, that can all change on June 16th. Let me, Dallas McCash, and some of my friends, teach you how to use your laptops, smartphones, iPads, iPads, 3-D printers, etc. free of charge! Whether you would like to learn how to call, text, use apps, reprogram, reformat, or you just want to know how to turn the dang thing on, you can count on me. As my Senior year project, I would like to connect Seniors to their devices. Join me for a technology seminar where you can learn how to use all of your quirky devices. This technology seminar is completely free of charge. It will be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City Fellowship Hall on June 16th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. I have nothing to sell you, just knowledge I hope to share! See you there!

DATE: June 16th

TIME: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

PLACE: FPCJC Fellowship Hall

Contact: Dallas McCash at 865-201-6786 (after 3:00 p.m. please)

SAVE THE DATES!
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK



APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK is fast approaching. Our week is Monday, June 30 - Friday, July 4. We need several VOLUNTEERS to help us cook, serve and clean-up. For Breakfast (Monday-Friday) times are 6:00 a.m. preparation and 7:00 a.m. serve and Dinner (Monday-Thursday) with a 4:30 p.m. preparation time and a 5:30 p.m. serve. Sign-up sheets for those who wish to help will be posted on one of the back hall bulletin boards soon! We will have at least 70 AO workers to feed. Thanks in advance for your help to make this Mission Project a success. If you have any questions, see JoAnne Vest at 865-475-5111 or JAV124rb@msn.

"Whatever you think, be sure it is what you think; whatever you want, be sure it is what you want; whatever you feel, be sure that it is what you feel." — T.S. Eliot

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. ARK ANIMAL DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00— 8:00 p.m. Esther O'Hare Jimmy Hodges	2 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00— 8:00 p.m.	3 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00— 8:00 p.m.	4 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00— 8:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting.	5 Session 6:30 p.m. William Gowan	6 Andrew & Rebecca Whaley	7
8 PENTECOST Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Breakfast on lawn 10:30 a.m. Church Picnic 4:00 p.m. George Twine	9	10	11	12	13	14
YOUTH MONTREAT CONFERENCE						
15 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. GIFTS OF MEN Father's Day	16 Technology Seminar with Dallas McCash 2:00—4:00 p.m. DJ Needs Zee Troutman Carly Kirkpatrick	17 Matt & Jennifer Gowan JoAnne Vest	18 Fellowship & Evangelism 5:30 p.m.	19 John Zirkle Jim & Anne Smith	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sit 'n Knit Group 7:00 p.m. Anne Smith	21 Hiking Club 8:00 a.m. John & Eva Zirkle
22 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. GIFTS OF WOMEN David Needs Jim Cornett Denny & Alice Pryor	23 Greg Woodruff	24 Allen Evans Allen & Susan Evans	25 Christian & Education 6:30 p.m. Sara Piper Jim & Mary Hodges	26 Jennifer Bates	27 Phil & Barb Dietz	28
MONTREAT MUSIC CONFERENCE						
29 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	30	APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK				

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer we will feature a special study series for Middle School through Adults utilizing the Andy of Mayberry Series. We are excited to have Shannon Collins, Helen Jolly, Lyle Juroff, Alice Pryor and Phil Williams leading this study in the Fellowship Hall. Participants will be meeting together to watch an episode and then take part in a discussion about such topics as: service, peace, mercy, and commitment. Many of you have expressed how much you enjoy the Andy of Mayberry series and are looking forward to participating in these classes. Hopefully you will make it a priority to attend! Additionally, Peggy Hypes will lead a class in the Parlor on "The People of God Set Priorities". We will offer light snack food and coffee during the summer.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
We will not have our Women's Bible Study for the months of June or July. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at The Creek.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 8th we will be having a special joint service with First United Methodist Church in the street at 9:30 a.m. Please join us following the service for a special Brunch on the West Lawn.



CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PATTON'S

Mark your calendar for June 8th at 4:00 p.m. for our annual church picnic to be held at Pat and Mary Ellen Patton's house on the lake. Please bring your chairs and one of your favorite dishes for our potluck dinner. Drinks will be provided. We will eat at approximately 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all of you at 7472 Circle Point Dr. in Talbott! (see directions below). There will be swimming, boating, and just plain visiting so come and ENJOY!!! If you have any questions, please contact Pat or Mary Ellen (423-585-0822).



DIRECTIONS TO PATTON'S HOUSE

Follow 11E towards Morristown, for approximately 4 miles. At the first stop light (Shell Station on left) turn left onto Lakeshore Dr. Follow Lakeshore Dr. for 0.7 of a mile and turn left onto Pratt Rd. Follow Pratt Rd. for 1.4 miles and turn left onto Allen Rd. On Allen Rd. you will come to a street sign that says Lebanon Church Rd. Bear to the right and Allen Road becomes Windy Cove Rd. Follow Windy Cove for 0.5 miles until you see a sign that says, "Point Seven". Turn left here onto Circle Point Dr. Drive to the top of the hill and turn left. (That starts our circle) Our house is on the left with two stone pillars flanking the driveway.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will be **NO** Men's Prayer Breakfast during the summer. Breakfast will resume on Saturday, September 13th at 8:00 a.m.



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP



On Friday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m. we will be having the Sit 'n Knit gathering. The location is to be determined. Please watch your weekly bulletins for more information!

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, June 21st, at 8:00 a.m. and hike to Big Fork Ridge.



CARD-MAKING CLASS



Martha Sanders will be having a Card Making Class at her home (1132 Arthur Rd., Jefferson City) on Friday, June 27th, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 29th, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Martha at 210-834-1323.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, calls, texts, and cards during my recent hip surgery and recovery. They are all greatly appreciated! — Juanita Dykstra



PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas
The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Rhonda McClanahan, Donna Jenkins' daughter, who will be undergoing chemo and radiation in the coming weeks
Lauren Drees, Whitney (Folsom) Drees' mother-in-law, who is undergoing chemotherapy again
David Frazier, former member of FPC, who has had unexplained bleeding on the brain and has undergone two brain surgeries
Ralph, Anne Smith's stepfather, as he deals with end of life concerns

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley Celeste Reneau

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felknor
DARBY HOUSE: Betty Wolfe; Rachel McCurley
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor
THE HERITAGE CENTER (Morristown): Bonnie Young