

From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

When Shannon Collins and I attended the quarterly Holston Presbytery meeting at Banner Elk recently, there was a nip of fall in the air. Trees were changing color; pumpkins were on sale in trucks by the side of the road; beautiful chrysanthemums decorated the lodge where we stayed. The change of the seasons is upon us.

The change of the seasons is upon us in church also. One pastor has left and someone else has arrived, a change that I know is difficult for many of you. Yet over the 148-year history of this congregation, pastors have come and gone and the congregation has continued to worship and to flourish. During this transition from one installed pastor to another, we will continue to do what has been done in those previous transitions. We will worship together; we will share God's amazing love with those around us, and we will grow and thrive as people who follow the Prince of Peace and the Light of the World.

I feel very blessed to have been called to guide this congregation in this transitional period. Even though you may not know it, this congregation has guided me on a number of occasions in the past. When I was in seminary, I received a prayer shawl from this congregation with a beautiful note letting me know that you were praying for me. Even before I knew you, I was part of your fellowship and part of the connectional denomination of which we are a part. Glenda Hollingshead, who was an Associate Pastor here for many years, mentored me as a new pastor, another instance where the love and support of this congregation went beyond the bounds of these walls. This congregation has encouraged me in many ways and I hope I may do the same for you.

I look forward to our time together. Please let me know how I can assist you in this transition.

Your sister in Christ,
 Diana Moore

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

- October 4 – Worldwide Communion Sunday – Rev. Wayne King
- October 11 – Founder's Day – Rev. Stewart Bridgman
- October 18 – Rev. Diana Moore
- October 25 – Stewardship Sunday – Rev. Diana Moore
- November 1 – All Saints' Day – Rev. Diana Moore

OFFICE HOURS FOR REV. MOORE

At this stage, I am uncertain exactly what my office hours will be. Every church has a different flow of schedules for committees and other activities of the church and I want to be available for those activities (Session, Church Street Café, Fellowship Dinners, Committee meetings, etc.). Especially during October as I am getting into the church routine, if you need to see me, please call the church office.

Announcements

IT'S YARD SALE TIME AGAIN!!

Don't forget that our Annual Yard Sale for Missions is Saturday, October 3rd, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Zirkle (475-4329) or Linda Noonkesser (216-0715).



BAKE SALE



Bake Sale

We are still in desperate need of baked goods! If you would like to baked goods, please sign-up on the sheet located on the table outside the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Moser (865-696-4004). Items should be dropped off in the church kitchen on Thursday, October 1st, and Friday, October 2nd, starting at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The first Men's Prayer Breakfast of the Fall is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to be viewing and discussing a series of videos by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University entitled *The Apostle Paul*. If you enjoy biscuits, bacon, and the Bible, join us for a new year of study and fellowship.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The first Women's Prayer Breakfast and Bible study for the Fall will be on Saturday, October 10th, at 9:00 a.m. Our study book will be from the series we have been using the past two years. The Title is **Fully Devoted: Living Each Day in Jesus' Name** by John Ortberg and others. We will be meeting at the home of Anni Locher (434 Woodstock Dr., Rutledge). Please be sure to bring your Bibles and we hope to see you there!!

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SHOE BOX MINISTRY



Operation Christmas Child gives us an opportunity to share God's love with children around the world by filling small shoeboxes with simple gifts, a personal note or picture if you choose and most importantly, prayers for the child who will receive your gift. Suggested gift items include toys, such as a doll or stuffed animal, jump rope, puzzle, musical instrument, etc.; school supplies such as pencils and sharpeners, dry paint sets, glue sticks, scissors, pens, crayons, notebooks, solar calculators, coloring books; non-liquid hygiene items such as toothbrushes, bars of soap, washcloths, or combs; accessories such as T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, watches; candy such as gummy bears, candy corn, caramels, taffy, gum or Tootsie Rolls. No liquid items, food, chocolate or breakables may be sent. If you choose to fill a shoebox, your first decision is to select an age category, 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old, boy or girl! Shoeboxes are available on the table next to the church office and in the sanctuary pew behind the prayer shawls. Please return your filled shoebox to that pew on or before Sunday, November 15, the last date to receive boxes for delivery of a lovingly and prayerfully packed shoebox to the child who is waiting.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Join us for Founder's Day! Since 1867, the Presbyterian church at Mossy Creek has served God in this community. Come celebrate with us as we remember God's faithfulness through the ages. This year's celebration will be Sunday, October 11th, our guest speaker this year is Rev. Stewart Bridgman. Immediately following Worship, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon provided by the Fellowship & Evangelism Committee. If you have any questions, please see Pam Kustermann. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to come and share this special day with us!



GOING-ON GROUP

On Wednesday, October 14th, Wayne and Margy King will be hosting a program about quilts and their part in the underground railroad. Lunch of soup and sandwiches will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back hallway, next to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne or Margy.

SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eva Zirkle (1454 Royal Dr., Jefferson City). If you have any questions, please see Mary Ellen Patton.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, October 17th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hiking to Max Patch. This is a popular fall hike (actually in the Pisgah National Forest, near the Appalachian Trail), thanks to the panoramic views and good fall colors. Dress warmly; it's windy. . Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



CHOCOLATE FEST

Celebrate the Mission Yard Sale by attending the Chocolate Fest Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall. Bring a treat to share and also turn in your yard sale evaluation forms (available from Carolyn Berryhill). Your input and experiences are very important in planning for next year.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, October 21st, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cam Smith, leader of RUF, will be discussing and answering questions about his ministry with the students at Carson-Newman. We will also have the opportunity to listen to their worship band. The entire church family is invited to attend! Bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

On Sunday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. we will be having a harvest party and hayride at the home of Jake and Roxanne Moser (2410 Moser Rd.). The entire church family is invited to attend! Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and the makings for s'mores will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. So bring your chairs and plan on joining us for this evening of fun and fellowship!



PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Carly Kirkpatrick
Those who are struggling with addictions
All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas
The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Brent McLean, Heather Hill's brother, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma
Ethan Sturgill, step-grandson of Janie Gates, who will be undergoing open heart surgery on October 6th at Vanderbilt
Patti Roberts, Madison Meadows grandmother, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney disease
Juanita Dykstra, who is recovering from surgery
Linda Raines, friend of the Folsom's and Clouser's, who is receiving chemotherapy treatments
Stephanie Hartman, friend of Eva Zirkle, who is a young mother with chest wall cancer
Terry Jaros, who has been diagnosed with cancer in his tongue and lymph node
Tracy Davis, Joanne Vest's niece, who is awaiting an intestine transplant

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US: Lucille Tinsley

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

JEFFERSON COUNTY NURSING HOME: Celeste Reneau
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor
HERITAGE CENTER: Bonnie Young



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Angie France	YARD SALE 8:00-2:00 P.M. Jackson Drees Keely Needs Barbara Wilson Ted & Beth Folsom
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. FELLOWSHIP & EVANGELISM 12:30 P.M. Susan Evans Sue Rhein		FINANCE MTG. 2:00 P.M.	MISSION COM. 6:30 P.M. Dail & Ruth Meadows			MEN'S BREAKFAST 8 A.M. WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 9 A.M. Kent Clouser Anne Woodruff
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. FOUNDER'S DAY Bryce Kivlighn		CHURCH STREET CAFE 5:00-6:30 P.M.	GOING-ON GROUP SESSION 6:30 P.M.		SIT 'N KNIT GROUP 7:00 P.M. Pat & Mary Ellen Patton	HIKING GROUP 8:00 A.M. Whitney Drees Carol Antoniewicz
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. CHOCOLATE FEST 6:00 P.M. Dennis & Jennifer Cureton			FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 6:30 P.M. David Noonkesser Donna Jenkins Bili Ledgerwood			Brianna Kivlighn
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.		CHURCH STREET CAFE 5:00-6:30 P.M.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 6:30 P.M.			Chet Bergman
	Matt LeClercq					

We Give in Response to a Generous, Loving God

I recently listened to a morning radio show where the DJs asked people to call in and share the important principles they wanted their children to live by. Some of the things are ones we all might expect. "Be nice to others." "Say please and thank you." "Don't lie." "Show respect."

There were three that especially fit this time of year when we focus on stewardship. "Be grateful." "Give back." "Be charitable."

"Be grateful." Psalm 24:1 reminds us: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Everything we have comes from our generous, loving God. How can we not be grateful for all the wondrous things God has done for us and continues to do for us?

"Give back." In response to that generous giving God, we freely and lovingly give back to God through our monetary pledges and our pledges of time and talent.

"Be charitable." We often think of those places in addition to the church to which we give money. We all have favorite organizations which we support (the church should be number one in my view.) But as I was thinking about that phrase "be charitable" I was also thinking how we should be more charitable in our dealings with each other. We should be more willing to encourage, not discourage. We should be more willing to listen to other viewpoints rather than insisting our view is the only view that matters. We should be more willing to see that stranger as a beloved child of God rather than as someone to be feared.

This is that season in the life of this congregation where we ask individuals and families to think about our generous and loving God and how we can support the mission of this church with our pledges of money and time and talent. We will be sending our letters and pledge cards asking each of you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the ministry of this church. We will receive our pledge cards on Stewardship Sunday, October 25th. I ask you to give generously.

Your sister in Christ,
Diana Moore

FINANCE REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME		YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES	
		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 6	\$6,123.00		
SEPTEMBER 13	\$2,975.00	INCOME \$174,306.40	\$192,854.95
SEPTEMBER 20	\$2,653.00	EXPENSES \$159,476.26	\$192,267.08
SEPTEMBER 27	\$5,450.00		
<hr/>		YTD INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$14,830.14	
TOTAL	\$17,201.00		

YARD SALE RECIPIENT—THE RECOVERY HOUSE

"Changing Lives One Step At A Time, One Day At A Time"

The Recovery House, located in White Pine, is part of a program to help drug offenders develop the skills necessary to live a drug-free lifestyle and return to society as productive/caring citizens. As part of the Fourth Judicial District Drug Court process, an offender must apply for the Drug Court program. Requirements for a participant include the following:

- Must be at least 18 years old and chemically dependent.
- Must reside in Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson, or Sevier Counties.
- Must have no convictions for crimes involving violence.
- Must have a sentence of at least 24 months and not on probation.
- Must be honest and willing to participate and comply with the intensive drug court program requirements.
- Must obtain full-time employment or attend school full-time.
- Must complete community service ordered by court and abide by a curfew.
- Must make payment of all court costs/fines/restitution and fees.
- Must attend intensive outpatient treatment at least 3 times a week and attend AA\NA meetings a minimum of 2 times a week.
- Must attend court every other week.

The Recovery House, as part of the Drug Court program, offers a drug offender the opportunity to break the cycle of drug de-



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 9th.

- ♦ Stewardship Sunday will be October 25. Stewardship letters, pledge cards, time and talent sheets will be sent the first week of October.
- ♦ The Elder Nominating Committee is still in force for this year and they will select a Pastor Nominating Committee. The decision was made to call a congregational meeting for September 27, 2015, immediately after church. The motion was made to notify the Elder Nominating Committee of their current active status. They need to select 7 people to serve on the PNC. The nominees should represent all ages and views of the congregation, including a youth. No more than one person from an extended family should be on the committee. Staff members are not eligible for consideration.

From the Called Congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27th.

- ♦ The Elder Nominating Committee presented the following Pastor Nominating Committee for the approval of the Congregation. All the members of the committee have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. Pastor Nominating Committee: Jeff Drees, Matt Gowan, Pam Kustermann, Max Lupton, Linda Noonkesser, David Nowell, and Debby Rinehart. The committee was elected by the Congregation unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hypes, Clerk of Session

