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WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH:
GRADUATIONS!!!
VACATIONS!!!!
FATHER'S DAY-JUNE 20TH
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER-JUNE 21ST
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -JUNE 21,22,23



Congratulations to Lily Sigmon, who was baptized in the faith and, along with her parents Chad and Heather, welcomed into the church on May 16th.



Welcome to God's Family

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handmade shawls or lap-blankets for the homebound or hospitalized members of our congregation. We have distributed several and are in need of more. If you would like instructions to make a shawl please email Pam Mitchell at jamitchell1@msn.com, Loria Cavallo at loria_reid@hotmail.com, or Cathy at CburgFPCsecretary@yahoo.com.



We have many opportunities to minister inside and outside the church. The laundromat ministry has proven very successful. We can always use some volunteers. The hygiene kit ministry and Friends Feeding Friends are also very active. The Mission is always looking for volunteers, as is the Mustard Seed. With Covid restrictions easing up, check to see if there is a way you could help out.



“HATS OFF” to our graduates!!

Ashleigh Burnett, daughter of Jason and Terra Burnett, is a Spring 2021 Honors graduate from Pierpont Community and Technical College. Ashleigh received a degree in Early



Childhood Education. Graduating with honors included recognition on the President’s List, maintaining a 4.0. She will be continuing her education at West Virginia University, where she will pursue a degree in Child Development and Family Studies.



Chloe Bennett, grand daughter of Larry and Jenna Bennett graduated from Liberty HS in Clarksburg on Friday, May 28th.

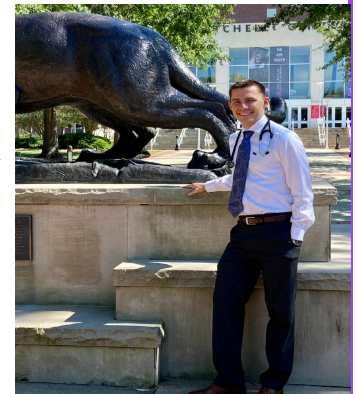


Chloe graduates as a completer in fundamental human services. She enjoys attending Instep Dance studio where she takes top musical theater.

After high school, Chloe plans on entering the workforce.



Zachary den Besten, the grandson of Carole Wilburn, has graduated from University of Alabama Medical School. He will begin his residency at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, VA on July 1st. At graduation he was promoted to Captain in the Air Force.



Katherine Mary Reid, the daughter of Loria Cavallo and Larry Reid, graduated from WVU with an MS in Aerospace Engineering. She is employed by a division of NASA in Fairmont, WV. On Oct. 1, Pastor John will officiate the wedding between Katie and Jerry Hardway of Palestine, WV.

June Scriptures and Sermons



June 6, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Honor Graduates and Holy Communion)

Scriptures: Psalm 138
*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Sermon Title: "Weebles Wobble but They Don't Fall Down"

Theme: The Apostle Paul writes about Christian endurance in the face of difficulties. Like the 1970's toy Weeble, we are rocked but not defeated by difficulties. In Christ we keep going and know victory.

June 13, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John is on vacation.
Guest preacher:

June 20, 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day)

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:32-49
* Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: "Sailing into the Storm"

Theme: Our most pressing question is usually not, "Is God real?" But rather, "Does God care?" In our lesson from Mark, Jesus invites the disciples to get into the boat.

Getting into the boat with Jesus leads not to a nice relaxing evening, but rather into a dangerous storm. Who is this Jesus whose idea of "caring" takes us into the heart of the storm?

June 27, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 42 & 43
*2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Sermon Title: "Slaying the Dragon"

Theme: It sounds like a contradiction in terms, but only those who are generous givers can be truly rich. Being generous givers is difficult for many of us because we live in a society ruled by the dragon of materialism. The only way to keep that dragon from running our lives is through a deliberate discipline of generosity. When we spend on ourselves, we bless only one. But when we spend on others, two are blessed. "It is better to give than to receive."



John's Jottings



If you have never done this, try it for yourself. Take a bowl of water and add a few drops of food coloring. If you add just a few drops of green, the whole bowl quickly turns green. If you add just a few drops of red to another bowl, the whole bowl quickly turns red. It is really rather amazing!

As Christians we have that same kind of influence on the people around us. It is true that the world around us is big and that we seem so small in comparison. What could we possibly do that would make any difference? Yet the reality is that our acts of love have a profound effect on those around us. Just a few loving acts can make a whole group of people more loving. Conversely, just a few drops of hate can make a whole group more hateful.

When we live out our faith in the joy of the Lord, people will see and take notice. They will long for what we have. That in turn gives us an opportunity to tell others about Jesus Christ and God's love for them.

Yes, the world is big and the troubles of our time are serious. Yet, let us not lose hope. With God's help we can make a difference. May we live and act in such a way that the world around us takes on the colors of love.

Hope and Confidence and Peace,

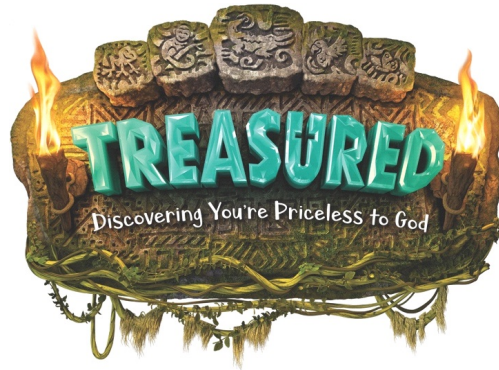
Pastor John

Richard and Elaine McClain would like to thank everyone for the gift cards, thoughts and prayers after experiencing a house fire on Easter Sunday.

It's back!!! Vacation Bible School will be held on June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Dinner begins at 5:00 and activities are from 5:30 to 7:30. There will be sign up sheets in the church, or you can call the office at 304-622-6831 to volunteer or register.

(Registration on next page)

VBS



Child Registration

June 21-23

Dinner begins at 5:00 PM and activities are 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Child's Name _____

Contact Number _____

Age _____

Grade completed in school _____

Any allergies _____

Volunteers Needed

June 21-23

Dinner begins at 5:00 PM and activities are 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Volunteer's Name _____

Contact Number _____

Please check the areas you are interested in volunteering.

Bible Adventures (opening Bible lesson) _____

Sing and Play Rock (choir) _____

Vine Dining (snacks) _____

Kid Vid Cinema _____

Jungle Gym Games _____

Crafts _____

Decorating _____

Anything _____

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS



Children's
Message

June 6-Terra Burnett
June 13-Beckie Alvaro
June 20-Kandy Atkinson
June 27-Terra Burnett



June 6- Jenna Bennett
June 13- Andrea Myerberg
June 20- Bryon Delawder
June 27- Pam Mitchell

June 6-Jeanne Harris
June 13-Beckie Alvaro
June 20-Jeanne Harris
June 27-Courtney & Sandi Nuzum



June 6-Bradley & Hannah Burnett
June 13-Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
June 20-Amelia & Kierra Harris
June 27-Bradley & Hannah Burnett



We have openings for flowers on the reredos for
the month of June. Call the office: 304-622-6831.



This
Month's
Anniversaries
& Birthdays

Deanna Murlin	June 1
Donna Shiffra	June 7
Tyler Tustin	June 9
David Corsini	June 10
Rita Forsythe	June 10
Rebecca George	June 11
David Wadsworth	June 12
Jody Forinash	June 14
Curtis McGriff	June 16
Pam Mitchell	June 16
Karina Atkinson	June 17
Micah Morrison	June 17
Braden Northey	June 20
Nancy Boyles	June 21
Ashley Montgomery	June 21
Janice Hardman	June 25
Katy Colucci	June 25
Ashleigh Burnett	June 27
Phillip Clark	June 29

Happy belated birthday to Peggy Clark who turned 98 on May 26th.

Happy Anniversary to: Jeff and Pam Mitchell on June 14th
and David and Sandi Nuzum on June 22nd

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Session Highlights May 19, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

- Treasurer's report shows our income to date is \$30,331.86. That includes the \$16,000 received from the Small Business Association Payroll Protection Program.
- Graduate Sunday will be June 6
- VBS will be June 21, 22, & 23 VBS Sunday will be June 27th - in Westminster Hall.
- Pentecost plans.
- Feedback on Scottish Heritage Sunday – The consensus is that the service went well and the scaled back version was effective.
- Graduate Sunday will be June 6 – Chloe Bennet will be graduating from Liberty High School, Ashleigh Burnett, Pierpont College; Zachary den Besten (Carole Willburn's grandson) will also be graduating. Katie Reid will be graduating from the WVU Aerospace Engineering program. Traditionally graduation Sunday has been primarily about those from our church who are graduating from high school. Accordingly we will purchase a study Bible to present to Chloe during the morning service. We will also present Chloe with a gift card to a restaurant that she and her parents can use to celebrate her achievement. We will also present a gift card to Seth, whose graduation from high school last year we were not able to celebrate.
- Plans for Pentecost Sunday – Jeanne will purchase and place red balloons in the sanctuary. Fellowship time after the service will take place. We will have two cakes, one for the graduates and the other for Pentecost. There will only be cake, coffee and drinks for this time.
- Jeanne has purchased gifts to be given out to fathers on Father's Day.
- It is time again to let the college students know about the grants. Terra will post on Facebook that they can send letters of requests into the office now. It was agreed upon earlier by this group that \$1,000/year would be provided.
- Update on progress on fund for better video broadcasting equipment in Donna Smith's name. Showtime Music is going to bring in audio equipment for us to try. We hope to be able to make a final decision soon.
- Tiles in lower hallway are breaking and coming unglued.
- We will have a property committee meeting to look at what needs done before the Small Church Conference (September 20th) and Presbytery meetings (Nov. 13) this fall.
- Task Force for Hygiene Kit. We will be putting together new kits this coming Sunday.
- Task Force for Laundromat Ministry -With the help of Friends Feeding Friends, we are starting to see results with this ministry. We will need to recruit a couple of more teams to fill out the month.

Pastor's Report:

Hospital visits: 0 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 29 most by phone

Baptisms: 5-16-21 Lillian Caroline Sigmon, (d.o.b. 4-1-2018) daughter of Chad Edward Sigmon and Heather Tallman Sigmon.

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on May 9 and served to 50 people.

Home communion was served to 5 people with the help of elder Connie Leuliette. We have a couple more people to visit.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2021 -

Month	Number	Pledged	Paid	Total	Balance in fund	In February, there was
January	2	\$190	\$190	\$190	\$1733	\$100 credit from an
February	6	\$731.35	\$731.35	\$921.35	\$1101.65	account that was
March	1	\$100	\$100	\$1021.35	\$1001.65	cancelled.
April	2	\$139.27	\$139.27	\$1160.62	\$862.38	

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Sunday Worship

Church Treasurers

Wayne Northey Jenna Bennett
Chuck Leuliette Dave Allman

Church School 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45
Live on WPDY Radio
109.4 FM or 750AM

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Ashleigh Burnett