## The Colliers Creek Chronicle

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## **April Birthday's**

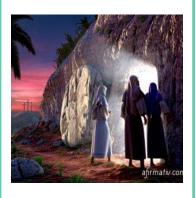
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Sheila McCurdy   |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Will Hartless    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Neil Treger      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Cole Kingery     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Faye Hastings    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Harper Knick     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Rosalea Potter   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Heidi Orr        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Debbie McCormick |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Catherine        |
|                  | McCormick        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Todd Heaton      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Bradley Goodbar  |

## **Anniversaries**

Janet Scott

30<sup>th</sup>

7th John & Shelley
Martin
21st Bert & Susanne
O'Neal
23rd Billy & Gayle
Cummings
23RD Carter & Georgia
Goodbar
26th John & Chasity
Cianchetti







# Easter Services and Celebrations at CPC come join us

April 2nd 11:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship Service With Communion

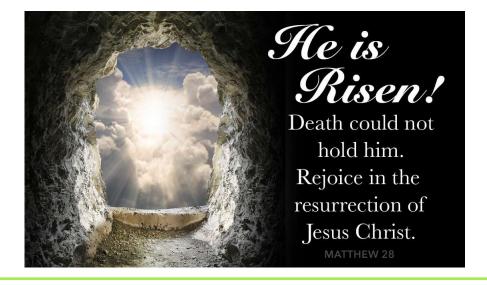
Congregational Neeting April 2 to elect David Na Cormick to fulfill the Elder Class of 2024.

April 9th 6:30 am
Sunrise Service on Cemetery Hill
followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

April 9th 7:30-11:00 am

Fill the Living Cross with Flowers and greenery to represent CHRISTIS ALIVE!

April 9th 11:00 am Easter Worship Service





# Pulpit Supply for April:

April 2 Malcolm Brownlee -

Palm Sunday

Bernard Bangley – Easter April 9

April 16 Rev. Bill Klein Lucy Stowbridge April 23

April 30 **Burr Datz** 

## **CPC SESSION COMMITTEES:**

Christian Education: Rosalea Potter

Witness & Congregational Care:

Debbie McCormick

Worship: Joan Potter

Building & Grounds: Mark Fontenot

Stewardship: GayLea Goodbar

& Jeanne Staton

Personnel: Judy Goodbar

David McCormick will be ordained as an Elder



Community Bible School will be held in conjunction with Union View Advent Church, Mt Horeb Methodist Church, Oxford Presbyterian Church, Collierstown Baptist Church, and Collierstown Methodist Church, located at Palmer June 4

through June 9, 2023



## LEND A HAND TO HELP SERVE:

Plans underway for April 9th Sunrise Service Breakfast. Food Donations and Cooks are needed. Sign up ships are located on the Vestibule and Hallway Bulletin Boards

## **WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITES:**

## **NIGHT CIRCLE MEETING**

The Night Circle will meet Thursday, April 6 with supper at 6:30 p.m. in the CPC Kitchen followed by the Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (The Bible Study will be aired on Facebook Live from the church's FB page.)

#### PW MEETING

April 20th At 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### **C&F CIRCLE MEETING**

The C&F circle will meet Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall: Spring is in the air so I'm looking forward to everyone coming so we can have bible study and great fellowship - Mary Jarvis

# COLLIERSTOWN BEGINS NEW YEAR BY REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

The Collierstown Presbyterian Church and its Presbyterian Women entered the new year by choosing to channel our message of the Gospel's good news through outreach programs that focused on giving to meet the needs of others whether it be for food, shelter, financial assistance, emotional support during bereavement, or programing reaching out to children and their parents. This path has been somewhat extraordinary as our church is in its second year without a fulltime minister, experienced the resignation of its music director in early fall, and has moved through the sudden resignation of its interim pastor prior to the close of 2022. The congregation's steadfast commitment to follow the Lord's leading, has resulted in greater participation in the two women's Circle Bible studies, children's church and the youth Pioneer Club and increased attendance at worship services and special events.

The Presbyterian Women on January 1<sup>st</sup> began its annual "Blanket Sunday" campaign where the congregation partners with Church World Service to encourage the donation of monetary gifts to purchase blankets to be distributed by CWS to individuals and families in the United States and around the world. This year's goal was the purchase of 130 blankets at a cost of \$1300 to be raised in two weeks. Instead, \$2350 was raised making it possible to purchase 235 blankets, a record breaker for CPC. There were a large number of donors from the church membership, the community, and contributors from other community churches resulting in a true community of faith effort.

The congregation's attention then turned to its annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive on February 11 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This year's theme. "Pack the Porch", used the "railed porch area" at the front of the church as its collection site. Twenty volunteers served as the "Porch Pack" team accepting and packing a total of 700 lbs. of food items and \$100 cash. The food was donated to Helping Hands, a food ministry of Fairfield Presbyterian Church, and the cash donations were given to the Rockbridge Area Relief Association (RARA). Our donors and workers included members of the community's churches as well as the CPC membership.

On Saturday, March 4, a group of 25-30 men from the church and the community arrived at the church and assembled and installed a wooden play structure resembling Noah's Ark with the addition of a slide and swings in the church's new fenced playground in less than two hours. It was a day of excitement, celebration, and breakfast food that followed! On Sunday, March 5 following the worship service the church's children gave the play structure rave reviews while the adults gathered at the fence to watch, supervise, and enjoy fellowship. We pray this addition and location will become a place of ministry for the community as well as the church. Some of the adults who helped build the structure were the community parents whose children are members of the church's Pioneer Youth Club, have attended CPC summer camps for children, and have been involved in children's church activities and choirs.

Since 2015, Collierstown Presbyterian Church has joined with the other five community churches under the direction of the Collierstown United Methodist Charge to purchase the food stuffs required to host a meal packing day for RISE AGAINST HUNGER (formerly STOP HUNGER NOW). In 2022 the "packing day" was held on June 4 at the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department with 10,152 meals packaged for distribution and an additional \$2274 was raised for food to be purchased and distributed in the Ukraine. The Collierstown Presbyterian congregation designated a weekly four cents a meal offering be taken each Sunday in March 2023 and that funds raised has been set aside for the food supply purchases that will be needed for the next packing event that will be held in June 2024.

Our 2023 CPC Outreach has also worked through the Church's "Back Yard Missions" committee to help members make home improvements, secure firewood, and clean yards or properties by providing manpower, equipment, and resources. This has been essential for families experiencing illness or the death of family members. Presbyterian Women have come along side these same families supplying meals during illness or at celebration of life services and then to the families themselves before and after the loss of loved ones.

We continue to look to God trusting Him to lead our church family in the way we should go as a congregation and as Presbyterian Women. We believe the greatest witness to His goodness and grace takes place when others see us serving Him and ministering to others in His Name. We are moving into spring with hope and a desire to be fruitful witnesses for Christ!

CPC Witness & Congregational Care Committee



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE TAKEN ON PALM SUNDAY

Each spring during the season of Lent churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) come together to support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The funds received are used to support three agencies: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (receiving 32%), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (receiving 36%), and Self-Development of People (receiving 32%). Each of these programs work in different ways to provide safety, sustenance, and hope as they serve individuals and communities in need. Millions of people worldwide lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity making the work of these programs essential.

The Collierstown congregation will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 2 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Offering envelopes are available at each sanctuary door and on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and hallway of the educational building. Those worshipping virtually may mail their gifts to the Collierstown Presbyterian Church, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA 24450 designating them for One Great Hour of Sharing. Gifts will be received for One Great Hour of Sharing through April 15. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Your support is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

The Witness and Congregational Care Committee



## REMEMBERING C.B.

The CPC family gathered in the church sanctuary on January 26 to remember longtime member Clarence Burton "C.B." Potter who passed away on January 20, 2023. C.B., a resident of the Collierstown and Airport Acres communities, grew up in the Collierstown Presbyterian Church. He had a deep faith and his commitment to Christianity was evident as a member, Deacon, and Elder. C.B. devoted hours to visiting members, providing transportation, and arranging meals for families with illness.

He served as Chairman of the Witness & Congregational Care Committee, co-chair of the CPC Prayer Chain, and was chairman of the church's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. C.B. was the one each year who made sure there was plenty of Kenney's Fried Chicken ordered and a plan in place to deliver it to the church picnic held at Lake Robertson. In 2015 C.B. retired from working at Donald's Meat Processing where he had been employed following a thirty-nine-year career with Kroger's. He didn't have time to enjoy retirement before he was recruited and became an "honorary and beloved" Presbyterian Woman working alongside PW members each year to have the preparations for the Annual Church Dinner ready and complete for "the big event." C.B. loved being in the church sanctuary on the first Saturday in November, welcoming patrons to the Annual Dinner and getting them seated for a delicious meal.

C.B.'s life included many hours of community service in organizations like the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department, the PTA, and a number of local youth sports organizations. He derived much joy from simple pleasures like gardening, being in the pool, and spending time with his family. He approached life with friendliness, easy-going conversation, and laughter. He faced health issues with courage and faith. We honor and celebrate his life and will hold his example and memory close for years to come.

Memorial Contributions can be made in his honor of which have been allocated to the Collierstown Presbyterian Women kitchen committee.



## **STAY CONNECTED**

In a rapidly changing communication world, WE NEED YOUR HELP to "KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP" with what is going on at Collierstown Presbyterian Church. We want to be able to send you information and links to our virtual opportunities as well as to those that are available in person at the church and in the community. To do that we need your PHYSICAL ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND CELL, and/or LAND LINE PHONE NUMBERS. We have a Church Directory but it needs to be kept up to date. Please send us those changes by calling the church at 540-463-5918 or by emailing <a href="mailto:cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com">cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com</a>. If you find or know of an error in the current directory, LET US KNOW! We will look forward to hearing from you! Thanks for your help! <a href="mailto:CPC Witness and Congregational Care Committee">CPC Witness and Congregational Care Committee</a>

## **FROM CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**

Please be sure to remove all flowers, decorations, etc., from graves by April 23rd, 2023, to facilitate mowing operations. Any remaining items will be removed and discarded by the committee. Also, as a reminder, per cemetery guidelines, all flowers, decorations, etc., must be removed within seven days of placing on graves by the responsible party or they will be discarded, and the committee is not responsible for damage to any flowers, decorations, etc., placed on a grave. Thanks, Geoffrey Goodbar

Weekly Bulletin deadline is 9 a.m. Thursday.

Newsletter deadline is 12 p.m. on the 21st of the month.

# Community

# **EGG HUNT**

Come meet the Easter Bunny



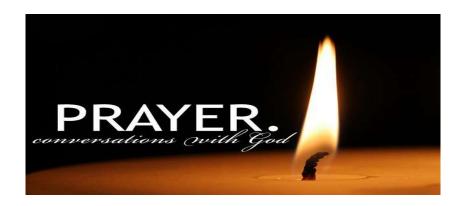
**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 @ 11** 

# Field across from Effinger Fire Dept

Hosted by:

Union view Advent Church, Collierstown Baptist Church, Collierstown United Methodist Church, Mount Horeb United Methodist Church, Oxford Presbyterian Church, Collierstown Presbyterian Church

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## FROM PERSONNEL

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- 1.□ Please make sure when you hear the church bells ring be reverent and take your seats.
- 2. If you are interested in finding the church service on YouTube the way to search for it is CPC plus the date of the service ex: (CPC February 20, 2023) The service is not always uploaded due to technical troubles. Donna will still send it out email if it is available.
- 3.□ John makes coffee in the morning in the kitchen if you would like a cup before the service starts. The coffee is for everyone that needs a pick me up.
- 4.□If you have a desire to help on a committee at church your presence is always welcome. The committees are:
  - a. Worship
  - b. Christian Education
  - c.□Building and grounds
  - d. Witness and Congregational Care
  - e. Stewardship



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