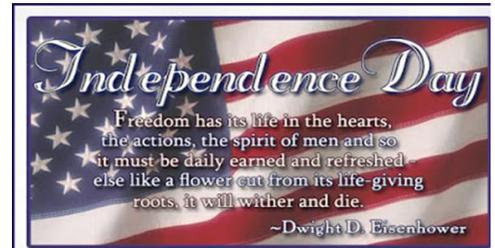


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## July Birthday's

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Martha Potter
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Leech
6 <sup>th</sup>	Gay Lea Goodbar Michelle Treger
9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Cinachetti
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Staton
12 <sup>th</sup>	Robin H. Moore
14 <sup>th</sup>	Kimberly Hines
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Goodbar Vassar
20 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca M. Weiderman
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Davis
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cavett Potter
26 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Chism
27 <sup>th</sup>	Maelea Potter
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Cole
29 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Kingery
30 <sup>th</sup>	Garrett Gualtieri

## Anniversaries

9<sup>th</sup> Word B. Susan Snyder

## Deacon Auction

**Barry Deacon's  
Auction will be held on  
Saturday  
July 11 @ 10 am**

**The food sales will be a  
fundraiser for the CPC  
youth!!!**

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The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

Each summer, I sit down and plan out my worship texts for the coming year. As I was doing so recently, I came across the above passage. While reading it, I recalled a personal experience.

In 2008, the church I was pastoring was conducting Vacation Bible School. For one evening's program, the community and surrounding area was placed under a Tornado Warning. That evening, there were more than thirty tornadoes recorded. Many communities and farmers experienced great devastation. Thankfully, no one was harmed. Parents were calling and wanting to come and pick up their children. I assured them that they were safer sheltered in the basement of the church, rather than out on the road while we waited out the storm. It was incredible to watch as the radio and television reporters tried to keep everyone abreast of the storm's intensity and location.

After arriving home from VBS, I stood in the backyard and watched the swirling clouds building in concentration, the flashing of lightening, the churning of the wind, and the roaring of thunder all around. It was easy to see how the power of the storm could lead the people of antiquity to see in the power of God.

It was the ancient belief that storms represented the presence and the power of God. Moses met God during a storm cloud on Mt. Sinai. Jesus was surrounded by a great cloud at the transfiguration. The sky grew dark and the earth shook on Good Friday. Elijah went to the mountain and he expected to find God in the storm cloud, the earthquake, or the fire.

However, it was not in the storms that Elijah found God. It was not in the wind that tore at the mountains. It was not in the earthquake. Nor was it in the fire that raged on the mountain. Rather, in a calming whisper God was able to get Elijah's attention. God's presence in our lives is not a terrifying, frightening experience. Rather, God calms our storms and reduces our anxieties.

In the busyness of our lives, we need to stop and spend some quiet time with God. With all the noise around us, we need to turn off the TV, the stereo, the telephone, and the computer, and sit quietly and listen for God to speak. It is in the whispers and the sighs that God will fill us with his peace. As the storms around us and the winds churn and roar we can have serenity. Jesus tells us not to be afraid because he will give us a tranquility that will ease our stress and fill us with joy and love.

Blessings, Pastor Kevin

## ***DRIVE IN CHURCH IS COMING SOON....***

We are *so excited* to invite you to join us for Drive-In Church beginning on *Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 am!*

Here's the plan:

- a. Upon crossing the bridge there will be an attendant who will provide any information needed including a bulletin and copy of the music, then direct you to the designated parking area. The attendant will also take any last-minute requests for prayer but please try to get those to Pastor Kevin or Donna prior to Sunday.
- b. Cars will park with a few feet of distance between each one in the designated areas. You may stay in your car or bring a lawn chair and sit in front or back of your car, as long as the six-foot social distance is observed in respect to the people next to you.
- c. You will be advised to tune to a specific radio station to listen to the service in your car or may choose to roll down your window, or sit outside your car, to listen via the speaker system directly. Pastor Kevin and Kelly will most likely be under a tent and will be utilizing a speaker system to broadcast the service.
- d. Offering will not be collected, however a basket will be placed near the driveway should anyone wish to leave their offering.
- e. At the conclusion of the service you will be asked leave by driving one way around the church to avoid an accident or stemming the flow of traffic.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. The church will **NOT BE OPEN** for use by the congregation, including the restrooms.
2. On communion Sundays you will be asked to bring your own sacraments.
3. Please refrain from hugging or shaking hands unless all parties are okay with it. We are a loving, hugging church and it is in our nature to reach out to others. However, we want to return to regular service in the sanctuary as soon as possible and to do that we must stay healthy.
4. The service will be taped and provided in the same manner it is now so those who do not wish to attend Drive-In Church can still attend later in the day.

We ask that you be patient during the first couple of services as we get the process down and work out any issues that may come up. This is our first step toward getting back to some normalcy and we look forward to seeing those who decide to attend. Blessings to each of you!

Raynelle Ankney, Worship Chair

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE

The Presbyterian Women celebrated the birthday of their organization by inviting the entire church family to give a monetary gift to their annual Birthday Offering. A total of \$545.00 was received and will be used to support three ministries in the United States and one in Russia that provide food, clothing, health care, and shelter for individuals and families in need. Thanks to all who supported the PW "Birthday Celebration."

As graduation for the Rockbridge County High School Class of 2020 was celebrated in mid-May, so also was the life of Jamie Grayce Martin. Jamie, a member of the RCHS Class of 2020, was remembered and recognized. She was an important member of the Colliertown Presbyterian Church family and her memory lives on in our hearts and minds. The Presbyterian Women presented the recipients of the Jamie Martin Memorial Scholarship, Graceon Armstrong and Hailey Joe "Jobe" Moore, copies of the English Standard Version Study Bible. Jamie's parents, John and Shelley Martin, were also given the ESV Study Bible in her memory.

The PW is set to begin this year's Horizons Bible Study entitled "Into the Light-Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament." Women interested in being a part of this study may do so by contacting Mary Jarvis (463-4639), Moderator of the C & F Circle, or Debbie McCormick (463-7652), Moderator of the Night Circle for information and study materials. The first lesson of the study for the Night Circle will be on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The C & F Circle will hold the first lesson's study on Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join one of the two study groups.

The remodeling of the church's kitchen and the replacement of the electric stoves with gas ranges originally set for February and March was postponed due to the COVID-19 virus. Tentative plans are to have the work done in September.

Plans for the Annual Church Dinner and Bazaar set for Saturday, November 7 are being discussed. Decisions on the event and its format will be made in early September. The Fall meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator*

## THE LEGACY OF FAITH

During the past ten weeks the CPC family has been physically separated due to the COVID-19 virus but we have continued to be together in faith and ministry. We have been fortunate to have access virtually to one another and have been able to offer each other encouragement and care. Our faith and relationship with God has stabilized and sustained us throughout.

In the midst of this time we have had two of our faithful members to be welcomed into the arms of God. Neither experienced “the virus”, they were just called home after lives well lived. On Sunday, March 22 Elizabeth “Libby” Clark slipped quietly into God’s presence following an apparent heart attack. On Tuesday, May 26 Ellis Morris left for heaven after experiencing a stroke the week before. Both were with their families and were comfortable.

Libby and Ellis were pillars of the faith and of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church family. They shared many of the same attributes. They both were lifelong members who grew up at CPC. Both graduated from Effinger High School, Ellis in 1949 and Libby in 1951. They married and remained a part of the Collierstown family raising their children in the faith and serving their church in a variety of capacities. Ellis served several terms as a Deacon, Church Treasurer, and could be counted on to fry oysters at the Annual Church Dinner. Libby sang in the Choir, was a member of the Night Circle, was treasurer and a member of the Cemetery Committee, and could be found managing the Bazaar Room of the Annual Church Dinner. Both served as a CPC Elder. Libby was an only child and Ellis was the only boy in a family that had five girls. They were committed to their spouses Robert and Hilda and would often go visiting as couples to encourage friends and church members in need of cheer or recuperating from surgery. Both sat on the same side of the sanctuary only two pews apart and were in attendance whenever the weather and their health permitted. They were “active members” from start to finish.

Libby and Ellis worked with the public and volunteered in their community. Libby was a longtime cashier at the County Super Market and later an active member in the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department’s Auxiliary until the COVID -19 virus halted the Auxiliary’s work. Ellis had a 40-plus year career delivering milk, ice cream and dairy products throughout the Shenandoah Valley, farming and raising beef cattle, managing Lexington Ice Distributors, and in retirement working for the Rockbridge Area Community Services Board. Ellis could always be found wearing his trademark smile and cheerful disposition.

These two special people inherited a legacy of faith from their parents before them and they have now passed it to us. They not only professed their faith, they wore it everywhere they went. Their challenge to us is to continue to be filled with the light of God’s love and to keep it shining brightly for all to see.

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, May 28, 2020*

## **A Heartfelt Thank You!**

The Jim Hamilton and Mary Jarvis families want to express our thanks for the generous anonymous donation given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Tammy Hamilton. The gift is to be used for the installation of sound panels in the Fellowship Hall, a project Tammy had wanted to see completed. This special gift also honors Tammy's love of music, the Collierstown Presbyterian Church, and the wonderful experiences she enjoyed so many times in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate you remembering Tammy in such a wonderful way. Thank you so much!

Jim and Mary

## **Annual Church Dinner - Saturday November 7, 2020**

The Presbyterian Women continue to make preliminary plans for the Annual Church Dinner as scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020. We know these are uncertain times but are moving forward in "FAITH" that the event will occur in some format. It may be different than our usual dinner but we feel with God's direction we can continue His mission of hospitality and outreach to the church and community. We know all things are possible with God's help. All suggestions and input are welcome as plans are being made. They can be sent to me by email at [maryjarvis1221@gmail.com](mailto:maryjarvis1221@gmail.com) or by calling 463-4639. Thank you for your help.

Mary Jarvis, Annual Dinner Steering Committee Chairman

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Church Picnic  
Scheduled For August 23  
More Information To Come**

