

# The Colliers Creek Chronicle

The Newsletter of Collierstown Presbyterian Church

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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 Zola Richardson
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
29 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Kingery
30 <sup>th</sup>	Garrett Gualtieri

## July Anniversary's

4<sup>th</sup> Michael & Jennifer Kelly

## Save the Date

### Annual CPC Annual Picnic Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024!

Picnic will be held on the church grounds following the morning worship service. The WCC Committee will be supplying 100 pieces of chicken. Everyone is encouraged to dress casually, bring several dishes to share and plan on an afternoon of fun, fellowship, games, and good food.

## A NOTE FROM BURR:

It is a late June day. However, it already feels like August because it is 88° and humid. If you have to work outside today, it is unpleasant and no matter if the weather is hot or cold, dry or rainy, we can all usually find something in the weather that we can complain about. Locally, we need rain. But Mother Nature seems to a little bit fickle these days...

Mother nature is finding 2024 to be an interesting year: wildfires in Alaska, California and New Mexico have burned 150,000 acres; global temperatures rose 1.5 degree last year; warmer ocean temperatures increase the risk of severe hurricanes, which increases the risk of flooding. Many Americans are facing uncertain futures because of weather patterns and all the other stuff that life puts before us: bills, health, work/life balance, etc.. Yet devoted people of faith know what can sustain us through the uncertain and unknowns, the trials and tribulations, while we sleep and rise night and day: only our faith in Jesus Christ, our connection to Faith, to Hope and to Love that He provides for us in the face of adversity.

Summers are fun times! Picnics, reunions, festivals, concerts, Vacation Bible Schools (!), relaxing times at a creek, river, lake, beach, or pool relax us. Longer days to do it all. There are also ordinary busy times when summers reconnect us with the rituals of gardens and plants, lawns and fields, all work done now in preparation for the fall harvest.

One way to prepare for all the storms and all the fun that awaits us this summer is prayer, daily and intentional prayer. Every day is a chance to sit in conversation with God. With our God who loves us deeply. We don't have to say anything. We don't have to do anything. We simply have to sit in silence with our Creator, Our Father, who loves us. Who loves us beyond our imagination. God who cares for us because we are his! Praying is nothing more than being with God. God is Emmanuel! God with us!

So, my summer suggestion is this: as the day winds down and the sun is setting, go somewhere outside and sit under a shade tree. If you want to listen to music, do so. Silence truly is the language that God understands best, so simply think of you and God, and breathe while sitting in your chair. Notice the tempo of your breathing, the color of the sky, the movement of the clouds, the rustling of leaves, the sounds of cars or planes and be grateful that God loves you. Call to mind the people in your life that you love the most and thank God in silence for each of them. And finally, ask God to stay close by your side in your resting and your rising and throughout the day that awaits. Amen.

## PW SCHOOL BAG CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY!!

The Presbyterian Women's annual "School Bag" campaign begins Sunday, July 7 and will conclude on Sunday, August 11. This year's goal is to fill 260 canvas tote bags with the needed supplies for distribution by Church World Service to students in the U.S. and around the world. Canvas school bags have been made by Mrs. Louise Tardy and will be in the church sanctuary on the pew by the organ. Pick up several empty bags to fill, take a list of supplies, and sign the clipboard with the date and number of bags you are filling. Purchase/fill the bags with only the items on the list. Bags should be returned when filled or no later than August 11. The average cost to fill a bag is \$7.00.

### Supply List:

- ☉ One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- ☉ Three 70-page count spiral bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- ☉ One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- ☉ One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- ☉ One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- ☉ Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together)
- ☉ One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

If you don't have time to shop and pack a bag, you can give a monetary donation to purchase supplies to fill the remaining bags or to pay the \$2 shipping cost for each filled bag. Donations can be mailed to: Collierstown Presbyterian Church, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA 24450 or placed in one of the offering plates at the sanctuary doors. Be sure to designate your gift for the PW School Bag Campaign.

*Thanks in advance for your support of this project.*

CPC PW



## **CPC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

As we enjoy the days of summer, the Presbyterian Women at CPC are making plans for a new year of Bible study and fellowship with other women in our congregation and community. The PW supports two Bible Study groups, the C & F Circle and the Night Circle, that meet monthly to study God's Word, fellowship with one another, and support various outreach programs.

Our Circles are small groups of women of all ages that have found their faith and Christian walk grows and matures when they actively seek to know God by studying His Word in a consistent way. The Circles are groups that celebrate joys, share burdens, and offer encouragement and support. Laughter and friendship are several of the fringe benefits enjoyed by members. The Night Circle meets the first Thursday of each month from September through May at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A time of hospitality that includes a light supper precedes the study starting at 6:30 p.m. The Night Circle shares its Bible study virtually at 7:00 p.m. from the CPC Facebook page using FaceBook Live for those who can't attend in person. The C&F Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The C&F meetings also include a hospitality time.

Both Circles would like to extend an invitation to each CPC woman to join one of our groups for the new Bible study year. For more information and to receive this year's study materials contact Debbie McCormick (463-7652 or 460-1325), Moderator of the Night Circle, or Mary Jarvis (463-4639), Moderator of the C&F Circle. The first meeting for the Night Circle will be on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The C&F Circle will hold its first meeting on September 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We encourage you to come away once a month to discover treasure in God's Word that will strengthen and sustain you each day. We hope to see you in September!!!

Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, Night Circle Moderator

## NOTE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Bill Klein will be pulpit supply for August 18th and September 15th. We are planning to have him perform any baptisms on those Sundays and for any congregational meetings.

If anyone is interested in being baptized or having their children baptized, please let Rosalea or Joan know so we can plan accordingly.

Burr Datz has agreed to being our pulpit supply through September.

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## BOOKMOBILE VISITS CPC

The Rockbridge Regional Library's Bookmobile is now making a weekly visit to Collierstown Presbyterian Church each Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:15 p.m.! Invite your friends and neighbors to come checkout books and enjoy the materials and programming the Bookmobile offers. Begin your summer adventures with a good book from the Bookmobile! Next visits are scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>!

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## CPC CELEBRATES NELLIE LEECH'S BIRTHDAY

On Friday, May 10, Hilda Morris, Gatha Hall, Mary Jarvis, and Debbie McCormick visited Nellie Leech in celebration of her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were joined by her daughter, Raynelle Ankney. The group brought Mrs. Leech a floral arrangement, cards, and gifts from the church family. She was so appreciative and enjoyed reading her cards aloud and opening the thoughtful gifts. Mrs. Leech sends her thanks to everyone for making her day and birthday celebration so special! Thinking of you cards and notes can be sent to Nellie Leech at 50 Havenwood Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

## CPC CELEBRATES OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

On Sunday, May 19, CPC was able to acknowledge and celebrate three of our youth. John Buren, Cullen Gualtieri, and Ben Tomlin were recognized and presented bibles as we celebrated their high school graduations and their promising futures.







### CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION & OUR NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 19, 2024 CPC celebrated three of our youth who completed their Confirmation Classes. Josie Caldwell, Morgan Martin, and Chase Pooley completed their classes in May and met with our Session with their wishes of officially joining our church. We welcome these young people as official members of Collierstown Presbyterian Church with hearts full of love and faithfulness!



### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

What a week! Seven community churches working together made our 2024 Community VBS a huge, glorious success! We had over 60 children & 50 adults each evening. We raised \$434 in the penny challenge to be split with Helping Hands & Project Horizon. We were also able to make a large, canned food donation to Helping Hands. It was a complete COMMUNITY OF FAITH effort and God provided us with great weather for the entire week. (The picture above is of our CPC Youth and VBS Volunteers sharing one of their VBS songs with us.)

