

# The Colliers Creek Chronicle



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## June Birthday's

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Morris
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reese McCormick
4 <sup>th</sup>	Drew Potter
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tonya Fontenot
	Lillian Lawrence
12 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Martin
15 <sup>th</sup>	Carly Potter
16 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Gualtieri
	Shirley Leech
20 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Reid
	Kathrine Hartless
	Emery Lou Potter
21 <sup>st</sup>	Gatha Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Will Knick
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Stump
24 <sup>th</sup>	Conner Fairborn
	Michael Kelly
	Donna V. Potter
26 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Cook

## Anniversaries

6 <sup>th</sup>	Neil & Michelle Treger
7 <sup>th</sup>	Marnie & Seth Caldwell
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard & Judy Goodbar
16 <sup>th</sup>	Henry & Carol Hatcher
20 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Lindsey Davis
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tonya & Mark Fontenot
	Hayden & Justis Richardson

Happy  
Father's  
Day



## Fathers

by Alicia Anderson

*Father's are the strength of the family,  
To bond us and hold us together.*

*Always there to mediate the household,  
A determined mentor we look to lead altogether.*

*He's the bodyguard that protects us,  
And gives us comfort from all harm.*

*He constantly offers compassion,  
Always offering up his arm.*

*To stand behind us endlessly,  
Though at times in darkness we tend to fall.*

*He's always there to guide us to the light,  
For us to follow from his call.*

*With years to come, day by day,  
We grow from the nest we grew.*

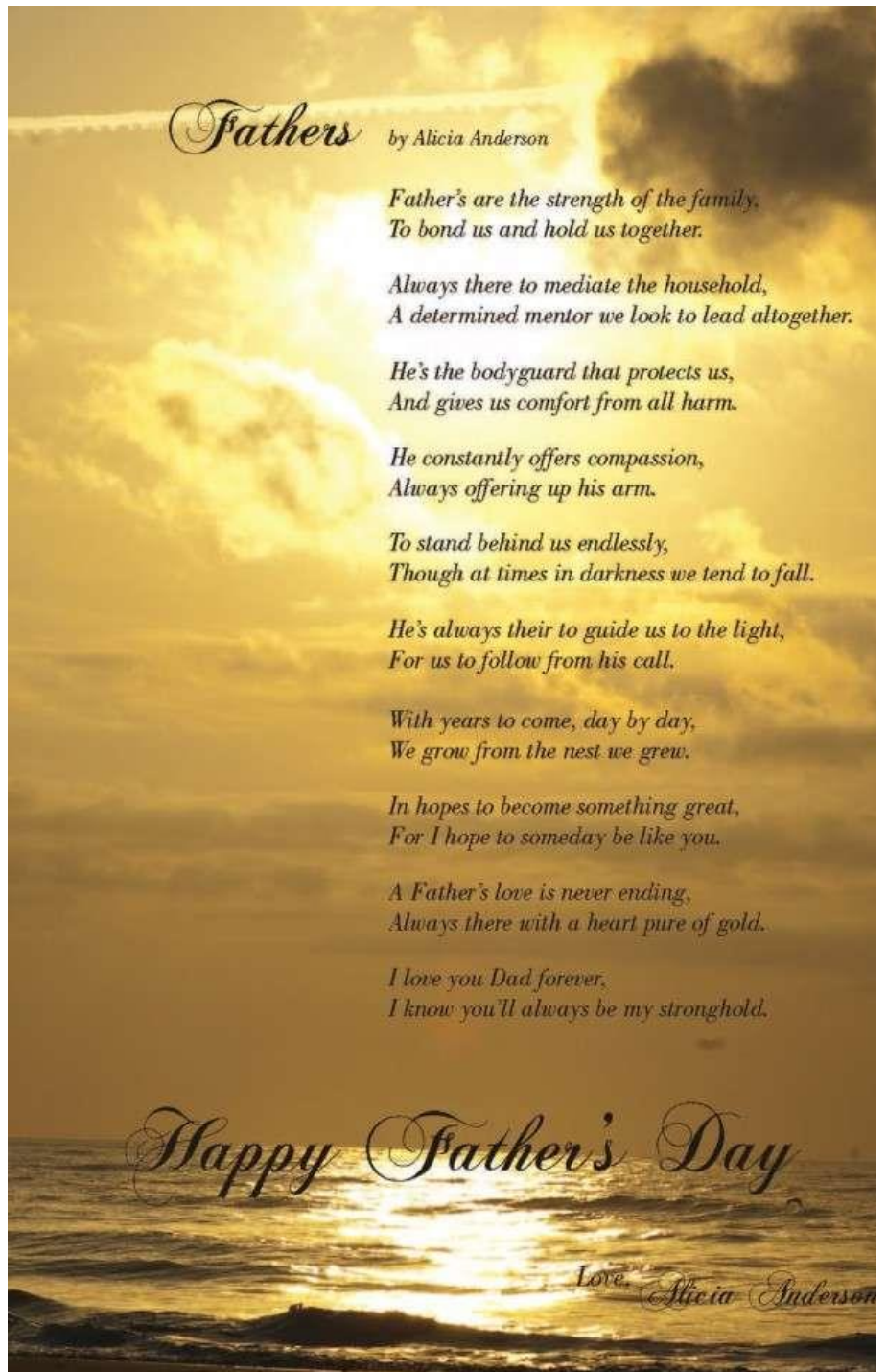
*In hopes to become something great,  
For I hope to someday be like you.*

*A Father's love is never ending,  
Always there with a heart pure of gold.*

*I love you Dad forever,  
I know you'll always be my stronghold.*

## Happy Father's Day

Love, *Alicia Anderson*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Thomas Merton wrote these words in *Zen and the Birds of Appetite*, "Saint John of the Cross compares man to a window through which the light of God is shining. If the windowpane is clean of every stain, it is completely transparent, we do not see it at all: it is 'empty' and nothing is seen by the light. But if a man bears in himself the stains of spiritual egotism and preoccupation with his illusory and exterior self, even in 'good things,' then the windowpane itself is clearly seen by reason of the stains that are on it. Hence, if a man can be rid of the stains and dust produced within him by his fixation upon what is good and bad in reference to himself, he will be transformed in God and will be 'one with God.'"

Henry D. Thoreau wrote this piece, "I saw a delicate flower had grown up two feet high, between the horses' path and the wheel track. An inch more to right or left had sealed its fate, or an inch higher; and yet it lived to flourish as much as if it had a thousand acres of untrodden space around it, and never knew the danger it incurred. It did not borrow trouble, not invite an evil fate by apprehending it."

Eugene H Peterson wrote *Praying with Jesus* this devotion: "All Matthew 13: 44-46 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'"

"The two parables have one word in common: 'all.' there must be no equivocation, no hesitation, no calculation, before God's offer of new life. Everything we have is traded in for everything that God has for us. What, for you, is included in the 'all'?"

"PRAYER: O God, I don't want to bring a bookkeeper's mind to the life of faith, anxious adding up columns of what I must give, columns of what I might get. I give all and accept all. Amen."

Are we as trusting as the "delicate flower" of Thoreau to give "ALL" of ourselves, and as Peterson invites us to do to God, and thus, becoming that pane of glass which is not seen but allows others to see God in Jesus Christ revealed? May others truly give honor, praise, and glory to the Holy One because of our faith and behavior.

Peace and joy in Christ, Pastor Carl

# A COMMUNITY CAMP

Collierstown Presbyterian Church

June 7-30, 2022

\$200/Camper

Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

# CAMP JOY

*Jesus + Others + You*



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# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED BY CPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



On Sunday, May 22 during the morning worship hour the Presbyterian Women honored Garrett Gualtieri, Gage Kelly, Maelea Potter, and Parker Tomlin on their graduation from Rockbridge County High School. They were each presented with the gift of a personalized English Standard Study Bible by Frances Ruley, moderator of Collierstown Presbyterian Church Women of the Church. Garrett is the son of Nick and Melissa Gualtieri and will be attending Bridgewater College. Gage, the son of Mike and Jennifer Kelly, will be attending Virginia Tech. Maelea, daughter of C.B. and Donna Potter, will be attending Radford University Carillion. Parker, son of Kristin Bailey will be pursuing an electrical career.

All four members of the RCHS Class of 2022, received their high school diplomas on Friday evening, May 27th at VMI's Cameron Hall. Please keep these graduates in your thoughts and prayers as they begin new chapters of their lives.



## PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING RECEIVED



The PW Birthday offering was received during the morning worship hour on Mother's Day, May 8 marking the 100<sup>th</sup> year of this mission giving opportunity. This year's CPC gifts totaled \$450.00. Donations to the centennial Birthday Offering campaign will be used to support two projects. Part of the funds will be donated to remodel and upgrade the electrical needs of the kitchen at the Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico. This church's kitchen is the primary source of food and clean water for the residents who live in the church's community. Funds will also be used for the renovation of McCleary House in Farmington, Maine. Renovations will make it possible to provide transitional housing that can accommodate 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals in need of shelter. Thank you for your support.

*CPC Presbyterian Women*



**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** – On May 29<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 Worship service, Janet and her assistants will lead us in a service on Cemetery Hill. Please be sure to join us for this occasion to honor and remember our Veterans.

## CPC CELEBRATES NELLIE LEECH'S BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday, May 11, Debbie McCormick and Mary Jarvis visited Nellie Leech on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday taking a floral arrangement and cards and gifts from the church family. Nellie was so appreciative and enjoyed reading her cards aloud and opening the thoughtful gifts. She sends her thanks to everyone for making her day so special! Thinking of you cards and notes can be sent to Nellie at 40 Havenwood Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.



### THANK YOU:

The Leech family would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes for Nellie's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She thoroughly enjoyed the visit by Debbie and Mary and read each and every card she received. The Facebook wishes are still being read to her and she is telling stories! Thank you again for your kindness.

### ANNUAL DINNER UPDATE:

Annual Church Dinner Plans are underway. The Steering/Coordinating team had their initial planning meeting and things are in place to have the Annual Church Dinner on Saturday November 5, 2022. It will be our regular sit-down style dinner in the social hall. We are excited to be having our dinner - we have missed the fellowship that all the hard work brings to our church family. It's a labor of LOVE that reaches out to all in Christian love and fellowship. I will be away for about a month - from mid-June to mid-July - you can still reach me by email ([maryjarvis1221@gmail.com](mailto:maryjarvis1221@gmail.com) or my cell phone 540-784-8701). When I get back you will be hearing from me. Thank you for all your support. Mary - Dinner Chairman.

### School Bag Mission:

Collierstown Presbyterian Church will be doing schools bags again this year. You will be hearing more in July. Judy & Mary

## KITCHEN CLEAN UP

Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. Presbyterian Women kitchen committee will have a workday in the kitchen. We will be doing inventory and just getting things straight. After two years of basically not having any "in church" functions we need to regroup. We would appreciate and need your help Wednesday morning 6/1/22 at 9:30 A.M. Plan to come out and give us a hand. Thanking you in advance.

## CPC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

As we enjoy the first 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. This year both groups will be involved in a study of the Sabbath. The C & F Circle will be using the PW Horizons study entitled "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" written by Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel, a professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. The Night Circle will also be involved in a Sabbath study that emphasizes "keeping the Sabbath" as a vital part of the believer's life. Tentative plans for the Night Circle study include the use of the book, Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest by Dr. Lynne Baab. Dr. Baab, an ordained Presbyterian minister, is a teacher and an author. She is currently teaching as an adjunct professor at Hope International University in California.

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 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The C & F Circle will hold its first meeting on September 20 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

## From the Worship Committee:

Next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Nellie's residence.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE: TIME CHANGE

Starting June 12<sup>th</sup> thru the summer the worship service will be begin at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**PENTECOST: WEAR RED for Pentecost Sunday on June 5.** Afterward join us for Lemonade on the Lawn as we gather to visit with one another. The Worship Committee will host for the month of June.

We have a trainee on the IT end of things. Please be patient as Lindsey Davis learns the ins and outs so Judy and Reese have help.

During the months of May, July, and October there are five Sundays, and we will have extra music. Let Kelly know your favorite hymns so she can play them.

The Worship Service at Lake Robertson will be held on August 28 beginning at 10:30 am with a guest delivering the message. As always, it will be followed by a picnic lunch. Roger will be organizing some games and "friendly" competitions. Put the date on your calendar and invite friends and family to join us for this fun day.

CPC will again lead the Praise time during the month of August at Lake Robertson's amphitheater. We share this service responsibility with the Methodist Church, and although we may not have many in attendance, it is meaningful for those who lead. If you would like to be a leader or assist, please see Raynelle.

CHRISTMAS is only six months away and we are beginning to make plans. Keep your eyes on the future newsletters for dates and events!

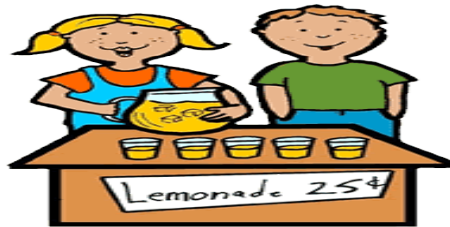
The next committee meeting will be June 27 at 6:30 pm at 407 Collierstown Road. Please join us if you would like to be a part of the worship planning.



## CPC FRIENDS AND FAMILY DIRECTORY UPDATE

Check your contact information! It is time to update and prepare a revised CPC Family and Friends Directory. We need your MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, CELL NUMBER, and/or LAND LINE PHONE NUMBERS. Please get us that information by Sunday, June 19. It can be sent by email to [cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com](mailto:cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com) or by calling the church at 540-463-5918. If you find or know of an error in the directory, LET US KNOW! We will look forward to hearing from you! Thanks for your help!

*CPC Witness and Congregational Care Committee*



**Join us for lemonade on the front lawn immediately following worship during the Summer months.**



### **LAKE ROBERTSON WORSHIP SERVICE: SAVE THE DATE – August 28**

Mark your calendars for our annual Lake Worship Service and Picnic in the pavilion at Lake Robertson. The service will begin at 10:30 am with a covered dish lunch to follow. Watch for more information in the future.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Christmas Program Will Be December 18<sup>th</sup> During Morning Worship.**

## *Witness and Congregational Care Committee Update*

**The Witness and Congregational Care Committee worked on three initiatives or projects during the month of May. They were:**

1. the Pentecost Offering, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), was introduced to the CPC family on Sunday, May 22 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This offering is used to grow and nurture the faith of children, youth, and young adults. Informational flyers and giving envelopes were placed in the Worship bulletins on May 15 and May 22 as well as on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 5 during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour and from mail sent to the Collierstown Presbyterian Church, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA 24450 designated. Forty percent of this offering will remain at CPC to develop and support programs for the children and young people in our church and community.
2. plans for the Summer Worship Service and annual Church Picnic at Lake Robertson were made. The event will be held on Sunday, August 28 at the Lake Robertson Pavilion. The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch and time of fellowship. The WCC will purchase and provide fried chicken, iced tea, lemonade, and water. The committee will also have all the necessary picnic paperware and supplies available. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.
3. an update of the CPC Family & Friends Directory. The members and friends of the church were asked to review their contact information and send changes by email to [cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com](mailto:cpcsecretary5918@gmail.com) or by calling the church at 540-463-5918.

**WCC Members:** Debbie McCormick, Chairman, Pat Deacon, Gaylea Goodbar, Judy Goodbar, C. B. Potter, Janet Scott, Jeanne Staton, and Pastor Carl Pattison



**The Effinger Community's Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Day is Saturday, June 4 at the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department.**

Forty-fifty volunteers are needed for set up and clean up of work stations and for the packing of meals for shipment. Those willing to help set up should be at the firehouse at 8:00 a.m. Those assisting in meal packing need to be on site at 8:45 a.m. for instructions. Packing will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m. A hot dog lunch will follow the event for all to enjoy. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located at each sanctuary door. Let us know you can be a part of the CPC Team! The Collierstown United Methodist Charge is coordinating the event. For more information contact Pastor Bill Bearden at 540-480-9685



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our graduating seniors in your prayers as they move into their next chapters. You may shower them with cards at the following addresses:

<b>GUALTIERI, Garret</b>	<b>KELLY, Gage</b>
2032 Big Hill Road	438 Honey Hollow Road
Lexington, VA 24450	Lexington, VA 24450
<b>POTTER, Maelea</b>	<b>TOMLIN, Parker</b>
2231 Collierstown Road	2974 Turnpike Rd
Lexington, VA 24450	Lexington, VA 24450

Please cover the family of Conner Ray Potter and Kelsey Hostetter and their families in the coming weeks. You may send thinking of your cards and or congratulation cards at 1256 White Rock Court, Woodstock, VA 22664.

*<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres*

### Card Baby Shower

Please join the Presbyterian Women in celebrating the upcoming birth of Hayden and Justis Richardson's precious baby girl (Zola Ann). As a token of our love and support, PW is asking our CPC family to shower Hayden and Justis with gifts and gift cards. If you wish to purchase a gift, you can bring to church by Sunday, June 5th. Cards and gift cards can be mailed directly to Justis and Hayden Richardson, 49 Beech Hill Road. The proud parents are eager to share their growing family with CPC. Please keep Hayden and Justis along with proud Grandparents Mark and Tonya Fontenot, and Great-grandma Gatha Hall close in your prayers during this most exciting time. Thank you!

# Thinking of you

Gatha Hall  
75 Thomas Hill Road  
Lexington, VA 24450

Tate Knick  
3470 North Lee Highway  
Lexington, VA 24450

Nellie Leech  
50 Havenwood Drive Room 1  
Lexington, VA 24450

Mary Jarvis  
846 Collierstown Road  
Lexington, VA 24450

Jim Hamilton  
552 North Dry Well Road  
Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Carrie VanNess  
553 Moore's Creek Road  
Lexington, VA 24450

Brandy Roberts Hostetter  
569 Honey Hollow Rd  
Lexington, VA 24450

Stuart Deacon  
3 Welch Park  
Lexington, VA 24450

