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March Birthday's

3 rd	Jennifer Kelly Barbara Trovato
4 th	Marnie Caldwell
6 th	Kelsey Hostetter Michael Camden
7 th	Seth Caldwell
9 th	Cassie Knick
10 th	Karey Ramsey Barbara Purdy
12 th	Kelly Jarvis
13 th	Susan Snyder
14 th	Gage Pooley
15 th	Ross Potter
17 th	Lisa Ann Hartless Kay Lewis
19 th	Donna Sue Potter
21 st	Charlie Potter
22 nd	Alec Wilder
23 rd	Carter Goodbar Laurie Wines
27 th	Ecalean Entsminger Barney Rhodenizer
28 th	Stephen McCormick
29 th	Alyssa Stump
31 st	Trey Rowsey Karen V. Turpin

Anniversaries

18 th	Steve and Martha Potter
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MARCH 7TH



A Note from the Pastor, Rev. Kevin Channell

Dear Friends:

Forty days. Forty days from Ash Wednesday till the Saturday before Easter, minus the six Sundays, equals the season of Lent. Forty days. Forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert, the Wilderness of Sin, learning what it meant to be the people of God, before they were permitted to enter the promised-land. Following his baptism, Jesus spent forty days, wondering in the wilderness, thinking about what it meant to be the Messiah, the suffering servant of God, before he began his ministry. Lent is a time the church has set aside for Christians like me, and like you, to spend forty days thinking about what it will mean to be children of God in 2020. In these coming forty days, when you and I look in the mirror who will we see? Will we like the person looking back at us? What is it that you most like about that person? What is it that you would like to make better?

Lent is not a time to give up the things that you think are bad, like chocolate, or Pepsi. Rather, it is a time to look at the woman or the man in the mirror and affirm that Christ like person you have become, and notice the rough edges that still need a little sanding, and a little plucking and continue to the work that Christ has begun in you.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Each Sunday at Collierstown Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. -- Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. -- Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. -- Worship



FROM CHURCH STAFF:

If you have a meeting scheduled or another function that requires use of the church building, please make a note on the calendar in the main hallway. Doug uses this calendar as a guide. Also, please note the deadlines as set by session for all church notes, bulletin materials and newsletters:

"Weekly Bulletin deadline is 9 a.m. Thursday.

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



Join us at EVFD on Sunday April 5th at 10am for our annual **Youth Lead Palm Sunday** Service. Refreshments immediately following.



SAVE THE DATE; JUNE 7TH - 12TH @ MT HOREB

APRIL 11th; CPC; 10a.m. - NOON





CPC RECIPE CORNER

Festive Cheese Ball

1 small onion

½ large green pepper

% tablespoons pimento

Chop these 3 ingredients finely by hand or in food chopper. Add:

1 ½ lbs extra sharp cheese – grated

2 8oz cream cheese (softened)

Beat with mixer or food processor Add:

3 teaspoons lemon juice

½ teaspoon red pepper

Dash of salt

Put in large bowl, cover, chill until firm. Make into 2 large or 3 medium balls, wrap in wax paper and chill. Coat with crushed pecans, if desired. Can be frozen when wrapped in foil.

Banana Split Cake:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs 5 tablespoons margarine (melted) Combine and press into bottom of 9x13 pan.

Mix 2 cups confectioners sugar and 1 stick of butter beat until creamy. Add 2 eggs and 1 t vanilla. Beat until smooth. Spread over crust.

Slice 3 or 4 bananas over top of pudding, sprinkle 1 can large well drained pineapple over bananas/ Top with container of cool whip and sprinkle with nuts, if desired. Refrigerate overnight.

Need a gift, our CPC cookbook would be perfect!



Contact Joyce Reid who is our cookbook librarian. Purchase copies directly from her. [The price is \\$10.](#)



Four Cents a Meal offering for January was \$85.68

LOCAL MISSIONS RARA

Over 300 pounds of non-perishable food was collected by CPC during the Souper Sunday offering. Thank you!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Calling all dramatic readers, actors, presenters, and/or dancers! We are attempting to form a group from the church to do some "special" presentations during worship service a few times a year. All ages welcomed and encouraged to participate. Please contact Raynelle Ankney if you are interested.

CHOIR:

Calling all hymns...It's time to update my list of your favorites! March 29th we will sing an extra hymn, inspirational tune or two.

Send, give, text, message, email your song!

Ringers, dingers and more, oh my...If you have, or are interested in playing bells or tone bars, other instruments, sharing your voice in song, please let me know.

Thank you University Cleaners and the Melvin family who will clean our robes once a year for FREE!!!! Please thank them. That is a large gift. We won't use them often but for special occasions we have robes for adults and kids.

Can I get someone to help me load the robes into my car one day soon?

Thanks to Tonya and Gaylea and our beautiful Next Generation children's choir for their tunes on Sunday. Everyone was smiling from what I saw.

Thank you for the opportunity to work through music for the congregation of CPC. This 18 months as permanent music director has gone by quickly. Thanks for all the words of encouragement everybody!

Keep on singing and making music,
Kelly

MULCH MADNESS:

Ben Tomlin is selling mulch to raise money to attend Young Life Camp this summer. Mulch will be delivered on March 14th. All payments are due by March 7th. Please call Ben at 464-8311 if interested!

- 1/2 pickup truck load: \$55
- 1 Pickup truck load: \$75
- 2 Pickup truck loads: \$125

Customers outside the city of Lexington must order at least one truckload of mulch. Mulch is dark, double-ground, hardwood. We will be delivering mulch to customers' but not spreading. Thanks,
Kristin Bailey

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPONSOR BLANKET SUNDAY

PW updates

The Presbyterian Women started the year by meeting on Thursday, January 23 in the Fellowship Hall. A budget was adopted and reports were heard on the Annual Church Dinner, special offerings, and end of the year holiday activities. The date of the 2020 Annual Church Dinner was set for November 7 with meals being served from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. that day. The purchase and installation of new gas stoves and countertops for the kitchen cabinets was approved. Work in the kitchen will begin in late February. The Spring Gathering of the Shenandoah Presbytery women will be held on Saturday, April 4 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center near Harrisonburg, VA.

Those serving in leadership roles this year are: Frances Ruley-Moderator, Mary Jarvis-Vice Moderator, Molly Channell- Secretary, and Raynelle Ankney & Shelley Martin-treasurers. Serving as Chairmen of the two PW Bible Study groups are: Mary Jarvis-C & F Circle and Debbie McCormick-Night Circle.

The next PW meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women in the church family are invited to participate in PW activities, the Bible Study circles, and meetings of the PW.

BLANKET SUNDAY UPDATE

January 19, 2020 was "Blanket Sunday" at Collierstown Presbyterian Church. The CPC Presbyterian Women set aside the third Sunday in January to encourage our church family to donate funds to purchase blankets for distribution by Church World Service to needy people around the world.

This year the 2020 goal was to purchase 100 blankets. A total of \$1270 was received between January 19 and February 2 making it possible to purchase 127 blankets, our largest donation ever and one more than last year!

We give because we care and we want to help others.
Thanks CPC for making a blanket's possibilities a reality for so many!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

The Presbyterian Women collected a total of \$295 that was given to the annual Thank Offering taken on November 24, 2019. Our donations will be used to provide proper nutrition, housing, and education for families in this country and around the world. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, PW Special Offerings Coordinator

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CPC TO COMPETE IN CHILI COOK OFF

Collierstown Presbyterian Church will be one of eight area churches that will face off in the 5th Annual Chili Cook Off sponsored by the Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity on **Sunday, March 29, 2020.** This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Spencer's Home Center. Tickets cost \$15 for Adults and \$5 for Children. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to fund building materials for Rockbridge Area Habitat homes.

Those in attendance will sample each church's chili and have the opportunity to vote and choose a winner. Music for all to enjoy will be provided by Lee Martin and the Jive Cowboys.

CPC and its members have helped with the building of Habitat Homes for many years. Participation in this year's Chili Cook Off is another way we can assist in providing housing for families in our area. The Presbyterian Women will be coordinating the church's team and will have a table at the event with pictures of past work done on Habitat homes. So come out and root for the team as we "Get Our Warm On!"

Submitted by Debbie McCormick-PW Communications Coordinator



YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

The proceeds from the "Warm Your Heart Luncheon" on Sunday 2/16/20 were given to the Jamie Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Austin Ramsey, head of the CE committee, presented Mark Fontenot with the funds at the end of the luncheon. Jamie's family will present the scholarship at the RCHS senior night in May 2020. You may still make a donation at Bank of Botetourt. Please see the details below:

JAMIE MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

An account has been established at Bank of Botetourt with a tax ID number. The Jamie Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Money will be accepted into this account from now until we disburse it in May 2020. This will be a onetime scholarship given to a member of her graduating class, not an annual one. We are still working on the requirements & plan to provide an application to the school by the end of October. Here are the ideas we have so far:

1. A GPA of at least 3.0.
2. They will be asked if they are obtaining an Advanced Studies Diploma, but have not yet decided if we want it to be required
3. We will ask how they plan to use their education/degree to help others or animals ☺
4. Financial Need

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