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MAY Birthday's

2nd	Chase Pooley
3rd	Christopher Potter
5th	Stacey Potter Campbell
8th	Jonathan Hines
11th	Nellie Leech
	Chas Potter
	Don Reid
	John Martin, Sr.
14th	Lorie Kingery
15th	Lisa Ruley
16th	Tom Catlett
17th	Luke Leech
18th	Nick Gualtiere
21st	Susanne Potter O'Neal
	Bernard Goodbar
22nd	Roger Lees
	John Canellas
23rd	Rick Leech
25th	Adriene Hostetter
26th	Geoff Goodbar
27th	Karen Fredenburg
28th	Leanne Potter Defino
30th	Louise O'Neal
31st	Brooke Hicks

Anniversaries

14th	HV & Zola Goodbar
15th	Mike & Kay Lewis
25th	Alec & Linda Wilder
28th	Randy & Irene Leech



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for

Adult Sunday School
10am each Sunday

Leader:
Reese B. McCormick

A Note from Pastor Carl... The following words were written by a very dear friend of mine, an elder at another Presbyterian congregation in Rockbridge County, Henry Schreiber. May you find them providing meaning to our church family at Collierstown Presbyterian.

"The size of Collierstown is less important in determining its future than what it 'does with what it has'. Collierstown will continue to be attractive as a place of worship, if Collierstown is built on a set of shared beliefs about its future and if good leadership stimulates broad participation in its affairs.

"Collierstown will thrive when their Christian fellowship, worship, and education programs are accepted not only by its current members but also by the community. Collierstown has room to grow. Most potential members expect ample facilities for worship and spiritual growth.

"Collierstown will benefit when other area churches prosper, and suffer when other local churches stumble.

"The biggest threats to the future of Collierstown are resistance to change and apathy.

"Individual leadership is perhaps the single most important factor influencing success. Leadership plus passion can displace apathy and fear of change to make things happen. Good leaders serve as role models for the next generation. Natural leaders not only present new ideas and paths for positive change but also begin by reaching consensus about what the Collierstown congregation wants for their future.

"Everyone knows everyone else at Collierstown. Though we may be ambivalent about everyone knowing our business, this is one of the most comforting attributes of Collierstown.

"Resistance to adequate stewardship, coupled with reduced aid from the central church, may threaten the sustainability of the infrastructure of small churches such as Collierstown. In times of financial hardships, the congregation of Collierstown must take care not to accept lower expectations about what it can achieve, and must guard against such becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. Collierstown must not undervalue its potential impact.

"Finally, there is no substitute for optimism. Someone has said that 'we become who we think we are.' Believing in Collierstown and what it stands for can make all the difference, and if we are successful, our children and grandchildren will be able to fulfill their spiritual needs at Collierstown.

"The take-away message in order to maintain as well as to enhance the Christian worship at Collierstown is for us to build on our shared Christian beliefs. Our leadership must be agents of positive change, establish high standards and expectations for our Church, and be passionate in serving our Lord to meet the Church's needs. Collectively and optimistically, 'we become who we think we are.'"

Peace and joy in Christ, Pastor Carl

THANK YOU

Dear church family:

We would like to thank all of our church family for the beautiful wedding shower that CPC PW hosted on April 24th for our son, Conner Ray Potter and his fiancé Kelsey Hostetter. Your love and support of our son's upcoming wedding is truly a blessing to us.

Much love and blessings to all:
CB and Donna Potter

CPC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Each year the Collierstown Presbyterian Women recognize and celebrate the high school graduation of its members and those youth active in the life and work of the congregation. This year's high school graduate recognition will occur on Sunday, May 22 during the morning worship hour at 11:00 a.m. Members and friends are encouraged to be present that day as we honor Garrett Gualtieri, Gage Kelly, Maelea Potter and Parker Tomlin for achieving this milestone. The Presbyterian Women will be presenting each graduate with a special gift and invite all to greet and congratulate our graduates and their families following the worship service. Your support will help make this special occasion a memorable one for all.

CPC Presbyterian Women

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was received during the morning worship hour on Palm Sunday, April 10. This year's giving totaled \$1159.00 surpassing the \$1000 goal set for this year's campaign. CPC donations will be divided with funds being given to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People program. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need in this country and around the world.

CPC Witness & Congregational Care Committee

CELEBRATING THE PW'S BIRTHDAY!

May is the month the Presbyterian Women celebrate their birthday as an organization. Since 1922 they have marked their birthday by GIVING GIFTS instead of receiving them. They have also asked their friends and church family members to join them by giving gifts to help support two ministries that help women, children, and families.

This year those ministries include the remodel and electrical upgrade of the kitchen at Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico. This church has provided food and become a source of clean water for the community that surrounds it. A second recipient is the McCleary House Transitional Housing in Farmington, Maine. The McCleary House will be renovated to accommodate 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals.

Please set aside the money for your PW birthday present today. Place it in one of the bright yellow envelopes located at each sanctuary door or on the bulletin board in the vestibule at the ramp entrance. Return your gift to the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Mother's Day, May 8, placing it in the offering basket or mail it to Collierstown Presbyterian Church, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA 24450. Be sure to designate it for the PW Birthday Offering. Thanks for joining with PW to make this year's 100th birthday celebration "the BEST!"

CPC Presbyterian Women



A COMMUNITY CAMP

Collierstown Presbyterian Church

June 7-30, 2022

\$200/Camper

Pre-K through 7th Grade

CAMP JOY

Jesus + Others + You



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL/TEXT ROSALEA POTTER 540~292~0859

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Witness and Congregational Care Committee Session Update

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The Witness and Congregational Care Committee completed FOUR initiatives/projects during the month of April. They were:

1. Collection of a 4 cents a meal offering was taken each Sunday of March and donated to the Effinger Community's Rise Against Hunger Packing Day. Funds collected totaled \$985.00 and will be used to purchase the food supplies that will be packaged on Saturday, June 4 at the Effinger Firehouse. The plans for the Packing Day are being coordinated by the Collierstown United Methodist Charge.
2. An introduction to the One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) was given to the Church family on Sunday, March 27 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This offering was taken on Palm Sunday, April 10 during the morning worship hour. A total of \$1159.00 was received surpassing the congregational goal of \$1000. Funds will be divided and given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People program.
3. Plans for the celebration of Nellie Leech's 95th birthday on May 11 have been made. The congregation will give her a floral bouquet. A representative of the committee will take her cards, notes of encouragement, and small gifts from the church family when they visit.
4. A review of the church's active member roster has been done to identify and reach out to those not participating through attendance (virtually or in person) or financial giving during the past two years. Those identified were contacted by letter making them aware of ministry opportunities and programming available virtually and in person. The goal of the contact was to draw members not participating back into fellowship. Those contacted were asked to respond by April 15 if they wanted to continue as an active member. A report and recommendation to the Session will be made at the May Session meeting.

Services available to the congregation

1. Use of the CPC Prayer Chain- contact Pat Deacon(540-463-6116) to share a pray need
2. Request for a Thinking of You contact/postcard – call Jeanne Staton (540-817-9091)
3. Assistance for meals or other household needs during illness or grief or a request for a pastoral visit– contact Debbie McCormick (540-460-1325) or Pastor Carl Pattison (540-463-5918)

*The WCC committee welcomes suggestions for activities, programs, and events that would offer encouragement to the church family and provide additional opportunities for fellowship and outreach to our community. Please contact any committee member to share your ideas. ☸
WE ARE A HAPPY AND FUN GROUP TO WORK WITH!!*

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



FROM KELLY HARRIS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Adult choir practice 2nd and 4th Thursdays beginning May 12th at 6pm!

Thanks all, Kelly

540-461-0247

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
THE ANNUAL CHURCH
DINNER IS BACK & IN FULL
SWING**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2022.**

Presbyterian Women voted April 21, 2022 to have our Annual Church Dinner just as always on the first Saturday in November (11/5/22). We will have our usual style dinner in the social hall. We have missed our dinner. It's a wonderful time for all of us here at Collierstown. It's hard work, **BUT WITH GOD'S HELP,** we can share the many talents **HE HAS BLESSED US WITH** to extend fellowship and hospitality to our church family, our community and to all those who come from afar to enjoy this special time.

You will be hearing from us soon - Mary Jarvis, Dinner Chairman (540) 463-4639

Also need the announcement in this Sunday's bulletin about the dinner meeting 5/4/22 @6:30PM. It's in the other email.

Email me or call me if you think all this is ok. I'm out of practice getting things to you – Mary Jarvis

Christian Education Committee

Is building an ARK

Please see below how you can help.

**BECOME A
SHAREHOLDER**

\$25 per share

Recognition on the playground

Gold:
20+
shares

Silver:
19-8
shares

Bronze:
8 or less
shares

**Checks written to CPC,
Playground in the memo line**

