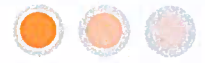


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December Birthdays

1 st	Rodney Leech Skip Hastings Brad Jarvis
2 nd	Logan Ramsey
4 th	Lloyd Houston Potter
6 th	Ward Snyder
8 th	Kathleen Black
10 th	Lindsey Ramsey
12 th	Elaine Higgins
13 th	Pat Deacon
14 th	Riley Potter
15 th	Judy Goodbar
16 th	Betty Lee Potter Sprinkle
19 th	Brian Jarvis
20 th	Scott Fairburn
21 th	Mary Jarvis Linda Wilder
23 rd	Sarah Hildreth
25 th	Jesus
26 th	Melissa Gualtieri Sarah Treger
29 th	Brittany C. Smith Andi Grace Potter
31 st	Larry Ramsey

Anniversaries

7 th	Doug and Stephanie Ballard
12 th	Larry and Karey Ramsey
30 th	Steve and Ruth Ann Hildreth



A Note from the Personnel Committee

Dear CPC Friends and Family,

You have probably heard through the church news and Collierstown News article in the News Gazette that we have found an interim minister, this is true. Thanks to everyone's prayers and hard work this task has been complete. Rev. Carl Pattison has signed a contract and his term will begin January 1, 2022. Please read below the bio that he has submitted. We believe you will enjoy his pastoral care, and worship messages.

Carl F. Pattison's Biography November 2021

"I was born in Baltimore, MD and raised in Wytheville, VA, the eldest of seven children born to Edna May Campbell and Alfred B. Pattison. I participated actively in all aspects of church life as I became capable; acolyte, youth group president, pastor's assistant.

I attended Marion Lutheran College earning a General Culture degree. I then attended two other Lutheran colleges: Newberry and Roanoke - graduating with a B.A. My theological education was at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, earning a M.Div., 2022 will be the 50th anniversary of my graduation and ordination. I have also earned an M.Ed. degree from James Madison University in Counseling and Consultation. Numerous hours of additional class credits have been earned by me through the years. I have been a guest lecturer at several colleges and universities in mental health law. Was adjunct professor for Mary Baldwin college and Old Dominion University.

Upon graduation from seminary, I took a 5 point rural parish in the Shenandoah Valley of VA. Over a 33 year period, I have served 4 other Lutheran churches - one city and one town, the others rural. In 2003 I was called to serve 2 rural Presbyterian churches of the West Virginia Presbytery, which I did for 10 years. I served on the Development and Finance Committee of the West Virginia Presbytery for five years. In 2012 I serve as commissioner to the GA in Pittsburgh, PA for the West Virginia Presbytery. I underwent Interim training at Pittsburgh Seminary in 2010 and 2013). In 2013 after seminary training, I served as an Intentional Interim pastor in Loysville, PA at Centre Presbyterian Church (2013-2014), Lexington, VA at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church (2015-2016), Chipman, NY at Scotch Presbyterian Church (2016-2018).

In August 1986 I married Rachel B. Johnson, BSN, RN, SW and nursing instructor and VA guidance counselor, in several colleges in VA, now retired. She served as social worker in WV. There are 5 children ranging in ages from 58 to 42, 3 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. My wife and I are avid backcountry/ wilderness canoeist and campers and are both long time Boy Scouts and cavers. Both of us are also artists - Carl uses pastels, and Rachel does stained glass. Other areas of my vocational service have been as Director of Volunteer Services for the S.C. Commission for the Blind, establishing a statewide organization. I developed and became Coordinator of Emergency Services for Mental Health for two cities and two counties in VA. I also held the position of Director of Mental Health services for the same agency from 1990-2001. I was a licensed professional (pastoral) counselor in the state of VA, as well as, Forensic Evaluator for the courts in VA. I have served in private and state mental health hospitals and agencies.

I very much enjoy leading worship and preaching, visiting in homes, workplaces, hospitals, nursing homes and in the farmer's field. My greatest joy in ministry is being with people in the many facets of life and learning to love them better."

Please join the CPC Personnel committee in welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Pattison to our church family and into our homes.

Thank you and Blessings to all!

Judy Goodbar, Personnel chairperson

From the Worship Committee:

We are happy to report the pew Bibles and Hymnals have been placed back in the sanctuary! We will no longer be printing the hymns or scripture in the bulletins unless it is music from another hymnal. We will, however, continue to project them on the wall.

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church for Christmas on November 27. Your time and creativity are appreciated, and the church looks BEAUTIFUL! January 8th at 9am we'll meet again to take down and put away the decorations.

The theme for our Advent Readings and Candle Lighting this year is "Time to Go Home". Each week's reading will lead into the next week so don't miss it! Thank you, Janet, for making the Advent Wreath and to all the readers.

Rev. Bangley will be our supply Pastor for the month of December except for the 12th. Please be sure to let him know how much we appreciate his service to our church.

As you know our Christmas program is on December the 12th and a light lunch will follow before the band gives a short concert. *Please bring your favorite Christmas Cookie to share for dessert*, and the recipe if you are so inclined 😊

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary with lessons and carols. We would like for different members of the church to read the lessons, so if you would like to volunteer before you are asked, just see Raynelle. No pressures, just a family service for all to enjoy.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season and be sure to stop and remember WHY we do what we do.

2021 CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

The sending and receiving of Christmas greetings and cards will be offered "in house" to members of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church family. The "Christmas Church Mailbox" will be located in the sanctuary near the organ from November 28 through December 15 for members to place Christmas cards to fellow members without the need for postage stamps. Cards should be addressed to members, placed in alphabetical order by last name, and banded together before placing them in the mailbox. Should the mailbox be full, additional cards can be placed in the bag on the church pew closest to the mailbox. The Witness & Congregational Care Committee will collect the cards preparing bags of holiday greetings that will be available for members to pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 19. Be sure to have your cards in the mailbox by December 15! It's time to spread lots of holiday cheer!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2021

The celebration of Christmas often includes the shopping and giving of gifts to family members and friends who have touched our lives in a special way throughout the year. We want to remember those individuals or families by showing our appreciation to them with gifts. This year the Witness and Congregational Care Committee would like to suggest making that gift an "alternative Christmas gift" by financially supporting a project or ministry in honor of that special individual or family.

This year four ministries or projects have been identified that seek to meet the needs of others and while drawing them to Christ and the good news of the gospel. Two of these ministries have a global outreach while the other two are community based. A description of each is listed below. If you decide to give alternative gifts this year, place your donation (cash or check to CPC) in an envelope designating it for the ministry you would like to support. Alternative gifts should be placed in one of the offering places in the sanctuary. Gifts will be combined with others received and disbursed by the church treasurer to the respective ministry. You will need only to notify by card or letter the family or individual of the ministry you have supported in their honor.

Alternative Gift Suggestions

1. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** -Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts. PDA works to assist in areas hit by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, and to help refugees displaced by civil unrest as well as natural disasters.

2. **Cindy Corell** – Cindy Correll is a mission co-worker in Haiti serving as the Presbyterian Hunger Program/Joining Hands companionship facilitator. She connects presbyteries and churches in the United States with a network of churches, grassroots groups, and nongovernmental organizations in Haiti. She is a member of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, VA which is a congregation in the Shenandoah Presbytery.

3. **Backyard Missions** – A ministry of Collierstown Presbyterian Church that seeks to meet the needs of local residents with home repair and electrical wiring, modification of residences to meet the needs of the disabled, securing of wood for home heating, or the improvement of access to homes.
4. **CPC Play structure** – A fenced play structure to be constructed in the shape of Noah's ark in the area to the left of the church closer to the Sexton's house. It would be used by CPC children but serve as way of welcoming the community's families and children to the fellowship of Collierstown Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTMAS JOY GIFT OFFERING TO BE TAKEN ON DECEMBER 19

The Christmas Joy Gift is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.) taken on the Sunday before Christmas each year. Fifty percent of this offering is used to support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The remaining fifty percent of the Joy Gift is used to support new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This year the Joy Gift offering will be received on Sunday, December 19 during the worship hour. Offering envelopes will be available in the December 5 worship service bulletin and at each sanctuary door during the month of December. Information about the offering will also be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule near the ramp entrance. Prayerfully consider your gift as an investment in the leadership of the church past, present, and future.

Submitted by Witness & Congregational Care



ROCKBRIDGE CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM:

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Packing day is on **Saturday, December 11, starting at 8 AM** at the **Virginia Horse Center**. Of course, for the safety of all, we encourage all volunteers to be fully vaccinated. Proper masking will be required for participation.

Thanks in advance for this important consideration!

Haven't made your gift yet?

Visit our website—your support matters! Link in bio.



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. John and Ginny use 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."*

CPC Youth and Community Youth:

Dec 11 Santa Coming to Collierstown
11:30-1

Dec 19 Church wide Christmas Caroling
in Collierstown, Effinger, Buffalo 3PM

Dec 22 Youth Christmas Caroling in
town 4PM



CAROLING



Christmas Eve Service

Join us at 9pm for the annual
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Pastor Pattison



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.



COLLIERSTOWN COOKS

The CPC ladies are launching a new column in our monthly newsletter. This month features a few of our favorite Christmas recipes.

Raynelle's favorite cookie recipe

Old Fashion Peanut Butter Cookies

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix first 4 ingredients until well blended. Beat butter, peanut butter and sugars in large bowl with mixer until light and fluffy. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture, beating well after each addition.
3. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough (I use a cookie scoop), 2 inches apart, onto baking sheets sprayed with cooking spray. Flatten each, in crisscross pattern, with tines of fork. If you prefer, stick a chocolate Kiss in the middle.
4. Bake 8 to 10 min. or until golden brown. Cool on baking sheets 3 min.; remove to wire racks. Cool completely. ENJOY!!!

Donna's favorite pumpkin bread

From Taste of Home - double for 2 loaves

- 1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

2 large eggs, room temperature
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup canola oil
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup California Walnuts, optional
1/2 cup raisins, optional

Preheat oven to 350°.

Combine first 8 ingredients. Whisk together eggs, pumpkin, oil and water; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in walnuts and, if desired, raisins.

Pour into a greased 9x5-in. loaf pan.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 65-70 minutes.

Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

Debbie's favorite Cranberry pie

In a buttered pie pan or plate place:

2 cups of washed whole cranberries
1/2 cup of chopped nuts (I use pecans.)
1/3 cup of sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine:

2 eggs
1 cup of sugar
1 scant cup of flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1/2 cup of melted margarine or butter
1/4 cup of vegetable oil

Preparation Directions:

1. Pour contents of mixing bowl over the ingredients in the pie pan.
2. Bake 50 minutes in a 325 degree oven. Top will be lightly browned.

I often make this in a 9 inch square baking dish and cut into bars.

Santa Claus

IS COMING TO TOWN

COLLIERSTOWN



Drop Off Your Letters to Santa

DECEMBER 11, 2021
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In The Field Across
From Effinger
Fire Department



Free Professional
Photos With
Santa



Hosted by

COLLIERSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COLLIERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MT. HEBER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



BIG STEVE'S FOOD TRUCK ON SITE FOR LUNCH

Luke 2

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

We Need a Little Christmas!



*Presented by Collierstown Presbyterian Church
Adult and Children's Choirs*

Under the direction of Kelly Harris

31 Church Drive Lexington, VA 24450

Sunday, December 12, 2021 11:00 a.m.

With special guests

The Mark Templeton Band

light luncheon provided

Free Will offering accepted