

December Birthdays

- 1st Rodney Leech
Skip Hastings
Brad Jarvis
 - 2nd Logan Ramsey
 - 4th Lloyd Houston Potter
 - 6th Ward Snyder
 - 8th Kathleen Black
 - 10th Lindsey Ramsey
 - 12th Elaine Higgins
 - 13th Pat Deacon
 - 14th Riley Potter
 - 15th Judy Goodbar
 - 16th Betty Lee Potter
Sprinkle
 - 19th Brian Jarvis
 - 20th Scott Fairburn
 - 21st Mary Jarvis
Linda Wilder
 - 23rd Sarah Hildreth
 - 25th Jesus
Karen Kester
 - 26th Melissa Gualtieri
Sarah Treger
 - 29th Brittany C. Smith
Andi Grace Potter
 - 31st Larry Ramsey
- ## Anniversaries
- 7th Doug and Stephanie
Ballard
 - 12th Larry and Karey
Ramsey
 - 30th Steve and Ruth Ann
Hildreth



THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

According to the legend of the candy cane, this candy was first created back in the 18th century. At that time, in certain areas of Europe, there was said to be a ban on public displays of Christianity. Christians were oppressed and no Bibles or crosses could be owned at the time. One man found this oppression distressing and wished he could share the love of Jesus and the joy of Christmas with the rest of the world. When Christmas came around, children didn't get to see nativity scenes or enjoy learning about the truth of Christmas. As a candy maker, this man prayed to find a way that he could offer local children a Christmas gift that would allow him to communicate the real story of Christmas. His prayer led to an idea--The Candy Cane. • The Shepherd's Staff: He chose to make the candy cane in the shape of a shepherd's staff. After all, Jesus is the shepherd to his followers and the Bible notes that the "sheep" would hear His voice and follow him (Psalm 23:1, John 10:11, John 10:27-30, Isaiah 40:11). • The Letter J for Jesus: Not only was the candy cane in the shape of a staff, but when held upside down, it formed a "J," which stood for Jesus (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). • He is A Rock: The candy maker chose hard candy for the candy cane, which was done to remind children that Jesus was our "rock," dependable and strong (Psalm 31:3). • By His Stripes: Wide red stripes were added to the candy cane, representative of the crucifixion and the blood Jesus shed for our sins. • Red-His Shed Blood: Through his blood, we are given salvation and life (Revelation 1:5, John 3:16, Luke 22:20). • White-Purification from Sin: There are also white stripes on the candy cane, which represents the holiness, and purity of Jesus, who was sinless (I John 1:7). • Sweet Fragrance of Christ: Peppermint was the flavor that the candy maker chose for the candy cane. Peppermint was very similar to hyssop, which was used for sacrifice and purification in the Old Testament, reminding us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It also reminds us of the spices brought by the Wise Men when they came to visit Jesus (Psalm 51:7, John 10:29, Matthew 2:11). • Broken For Us: Of course, when the candy cane is eaten, it is often broken, which the candy maker meant as a reminder that when Jesus was crucified, his body was broken (I Cor. 11:24). • Love of Christ: The candy cane was also made to be given as a gift, representing the love of Jesus when he gave us the gift of salvation. Although no one is quite sure if the legend of the candy cane is really true, the beauty of the legend is such a reminder of God's love for us around Christmas.

A Note from the Pastor, Rev. Kevin Channell

Dear Friends,

It sits on the shelf. For eleven months out of the year it collects dust and watches time pass by. Its pages are yellowed and worn, revealing its age. Now it comes off the shelf once again. Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" is a classic read by many over the years and made into movies—staged in its original context or adapted for settings that are more modern. Yet, the message remains the same. It is time once again, to open that haunting tale and experience once again Marley's ghosts. The ghosts of past, present and future that cause us to pause and consider our own lives and relationships. Marley is a frightening character, like John the Baptist, who strikes fear into Scrooge as well as you and me. These terrors of the night remind us that the tapestry of our lives is broken and twisted, filled with debris and chaos. We pause and reflect upon our won journeys, seeking redemption from our mistakes and disappointments.

With Marley's Ghost of memories long forgotten we recall those broken dreams and failed hopes that keep us bound in chains of regret and disillusionment. There is the loss of innocence that we long to recapture. We call to mind broken relationships, friendships that have suffered the rust of time and lack of attention. We suffer the grief of loved ones now departed. These chains that bind us and prevent us from experiencing wholeness and joy.

Marley's ghost of the present experience reminds us that we are still on the journey. We carry with us the chains of greed, envy, materialism, and self-centeredness that bind us to this world. Family discord and resentments prevent us from loving fully as God has loved us. The strains of work and commitments fill our time and our thoughts denying us the still waters and green pastures needed to refresh our souls.

Marley's ghost of the future haunts us as well. We are haunted because the future seems uncertain. We are anxious about pending exams and medical procedures, or retirement, or new job opportunity. We are worried about our children, our parents, our siblings, our nation, the pandemic.

Marley's ghosts remind us that we are the created ones, our lives—past, present, and future—are outside our control. They proclaim, like the Baptist, that it is time to repent.

In the stillness of the night, amidst the sour smell of moldy hay and farm animals, a young girl gives birth to the savior. The infant who will be nailed to the cross is the one who sets us free from Marley's ghosts and the chains of imperfection and sin. A lowly babe brings down the walls that separate us. It is a child that sets us free.

As Christmas approaches, let us pause and remember that it is not about us, it is not about material possessions, or blinking lights. It is about Immanuel—God with us. He provides the balm for our woundedness. May each of you experience the warmth and peace of God's love dwelling among us, not only during the holidays but throughout the years ahead.

God bless us, Everyone!

Pastor Kevin

FIVE CPC WOMEN PRESENTED HONORARY

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sunday, November 1 was a special day at the Collierstown Presbyterian Church as five women in the congregation were celebrated and honored for the way they have reflected Christ in their lives and demonstrated the qualities of humility, compassion, forgiveness, service, and leadership in building an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women within the church family. They were given the distinction of Honorary Life Member of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church was recognized and they were thanked for their faithful service.

Each woman received a framed certificate of Honorary Life Membership and the Honorary Life Membership pin from PW Moderator Frances Ruley. Those present to receive these gifts were Gatha Reynolds Hall, Hilda Reynolds Morris, and Louise Brenneman Tardy. The recipients unable to be present due to health issues were Mary Moore Jarvis and Nellie Hotinger Leech.

It was noted that all five of the Honorees are members of the C & F Circle, one of the two Bible study groups of the Collierstown Presbyterian Women. These women and others in their group have met monthly for many years to read their Bibles, study, and discuss the scripture, and pray over it. When Christians spend time in God's Word they are changed and become a new creation. The evidence of the transformative power of God's Word is truly reflected in the lives of these five women of faith that were honored.

Deborah P. McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VOTES TO FORM A CORPORATION

On Sunday, October 25, 2020 at a congregational meeting following the morning worship hour, a vote in the affirmative was taken to approve Articles of Incorporation for the Collierstown Presbyterian Church and adoption of a set of Corporate Bylaws. Members of the congregation had received these items along with a document describing the Collierstown Presbyterian Church Property History thirty days prior to the meeting. Prepared by an Incorporation Task Force composed of Deborah McCormick, Joan Potter, and Louise Tardy with legal input from William McClung, these documents had been presented to the CPC Session at its August 9, 2020 stated session meeting, approved and sent to the membership for approval.

The *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* requires churches to form corporations for the ownership of their properties where permitted by civil law. Such a corporation is a membership corporation (not a stock corporation), whose members are those members on the church's active roll. Its directors (called trustees) are the church's elders on active service unless a church prefers to have a separate board of trustees serving in that role.

The property of the congregation that has been held by its trustees will be conveyed to the new corporation. The Corporation shall have the powers and duties granted by the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*; to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the church; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; and to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the Congregation.

Specific benefits of forming a corporation include decreasing the risk that assets of the congregation can be lost in a lawsuit, thereby securing the assets of the congregation. It provides continuity of ownership of assets and eliminates the requirement of court approval for transfers of land or the encumbering of property to secure debt. Incorporation provides an exemption from taxes for recording deeds to and from the corporation. It does not eliminate the normal Clerk's fee incurred in recording deeds to and from the corporation.

Only members on the church's active roll shall be members of the Corporation and eligible for election as Trustees. The roll of active members maintained by the session shall determine those individuals who are active members for the Corporation. The directors of the Corporation are designated Trustees. Election by the congregation and installation as a Ruling Elder of the church shall constitute a person as trustee of the Corporation.

On January 22, 2012 at the annual congregational meeting of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church, the Session recommended to the congregation that a quorum for congregational meetings be set at 25% of the active membership. The recommendation was approved by the membership and has been used in establishing a quorum since that date. Currently there are 108 active church members on the church roll making the quorum requirement 27 active members in attendance. On Sunday, October 25, 2020 there were 27 active members present at the meeting. The clerk of Session, Janet Scott, has a written record of those members present who voted unanimously to approve the Articles of Incorporation and adopt the Corporate Bylaws.

Submitted by Deborah P. McCormick, Incorporation Task Force Member



Session Committee Updates:

From the Worship Committee:

FACE MASK POLICY REVISITED: Beginning Sunday, November 15 at midnight the follow revised executive orders went into effect for churches in Virginia (we were already doing a thru d):

Individuals may attend religious services of more than 25 people subject to the following requirements:

- Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must always practice proper physical distancing. Family members, defined as blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household, may be seated together.
- Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to attend the religious service.
- Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- Individuals attending religious services must wear face coverings while inside the church in accordance with Amended Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five.
- If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

The above revisions are in response to the rapid rise in COVID 19 cases in the State and more noticeably in our local area. Hopefully, this is a temporary measure that will be revised again soon. However, in the meantime, we ask that all worship service attendees adhere to these requirements. We realize the face covering is an issue but ask that you keep in mind, the disciples gave up everything to follow Jesus. We are only wearing a face covering for less than 1 hour. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

WORSHIP PLAN:

12/6/2020	Advent 2	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29	God's promised Spirit
12/13/2020	Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-11	Spirit of the Lord is upon
Me--to make everlasting covenant			
12/20/2020	Advent 4	Luke 1:26-45	Jesus' Birth Announced
12/24/2020	Christmas Eve	TBA	
12/27/2020	PASTOR VACATION		
1/3/2021	Christmas 2	Luke 2:41-52	Boy in the Temple

From the Cemetery Committee:

Based on recommendations from the Cemetery Committee, at the October 12, 2020 session meeting, the session approved a change in the rate structure for spaces in the Collierstown Presbyterian Church Cemetery, to be effective 1/1/21.

The cost of spaces for members will be \$250 each and the cost for nonmembers will be \$750 each. The cost of cremation interment will be \$175.00. There was no change to the requirements for Cornerstones. The current cost of installed Cornerstones is \$165. Currently traditional grave openings and closings are \$750.

ADOPT A SENIOR AT CHRISTMAS

GIVING DEADLINE 11-29-20

Please contact Frances Ruley if you are interested in adopting a Senior for Christmas. The local Home Instead company is unable to provide Christmas for the local Seniors who are patients through the RACS program. You may make your contributions to Frances or the CPC receiving treasurer and noted in the memo line "Adopt a Senior".

COAT DRIVE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED. THREE CONTAINERS AND TWO BAGS OF COATS AND BLANKETS WERE DROPPED OFF ON TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

Witness and Congregational Care Committee:

Merry Christmas from the Witness and Congregation Care Committee. Once again, this year our committee will sponsor a Christmas card exchange. The mailbox will be in the sanctuary beginning December 1 through December 16. Cards will be distributed on December 22nd.

Please only send cards to members that regularly attend worship service we will not mail any cards to people that do not attend.



Please contact the office should you need a copy of the CPC Friends and Family Directory when completing your Christmas Greeting Cards



JOY GIFT

This month our congregation has an opportunity to support retired Ministers and their families with a special Joy Gift offering December 22nd.

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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM RETURNS:

You may choose from these ministries:

- (1) Back Yard Missions,
- (2) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- (3) Massanetta Springs Youth Camp,
- (4) Rockbridge Area Relief Association (RARA)
- (5) PCSUA Missionaries in Ethiopia.
- (6) Rockbridge Relay for Life

Write your check to “CPC – Alternative Christmas” and on the memo, write which organization you wish to donate your gift!!

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Hello from CPC Buildings and Grounds,

We hope this email finds you and your family doing well. We were VERY blessed with your generous donations of \$23,325.00, and we are happy to say the sanctuary and all associated projects inside and out have now been completed. The painting was finished the week of November 9th and the following week the carpets and pew cushions were steam cleaned. The sanctuary project ended up costing \$13,000.00, which leaves a balance of \$10,000.

We notice that the roof and exterior wood/trim work of the church and educational building need to be painted. We are getting quotes now and, hopefully, next spring we can get that done. Any surplus of donated funds will go towards those costs. We hope you can see this beautiful work soon.

Collierstown Presbyterian Church is truly blessed with such generous people like you!

Thank you again,
Buildings and Grounds Committee

Billy Cummings
463-3749

Mark Fontenot
570-8969

Christian Education Update:



CPC Children's and Youth Movie Night:

Rosalea Potter has reserved the local theatre for December 6th at 7pm to watch ELF. Please let her know if you plan to attend. Please stay tuned for other events being planned.



Christmas Caroling will be December 22nd.

THE PIKE, CPC'S Pandemic Pod

The Pandemic Pod will be started right after Thanksgiving and here is a short list of items that are needed:

- American Flag
- Area Rug
- Journals
- Digital Thermometer (for temperature checks)
- Clipboards
- Pens
- Calendar
- Decorations

Please contact Rosalea Potter if you have questions at 540-292-0859
Deadline to turn in items by the 25th as the anticipated start date is November 30th.

NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE CHURCH



CPC's Active Elders and Officers

REV. KEVIN CHANNELL	Pastor	540-817-1053
JANET SCOTT	Clerk of Session	540-570-0377
JUDY GOODBAR	WCC - Personnel Chair	540-463-4056
GEOFFREY GOODBAR	Stewardship	540-460-0207
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BILLY CUMMINGS	B&G	540-460-9932
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RANDY CLARK		540-817-7115
JADE KNICK		540-570-2687
ROGER LEES		540-784-9000
ROSALEA POTTER		540-292-0859
Linda Wilder	Disbursing Treasurer	540-460-3898
Mark Fontenot	Receiving Treasurer	540-570-8969
Donna V. Potter	Church Secretary	540-784-1026

Class of 2023: Mark Fontenot, Roger Lees, Debbie McCormick

Class of 2022: Raynelle, Randy and Jade

Class of 2021: Austin, Rosalea, Billy

Class of 2020: Roger, Geoff, Judy

Each Sunday at Collierstown Presbyterian Church

11:00 a.m. -- Worship

Christmas



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K A P L R F M A C R
Y Y O E J E S U S E
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Z I D A T U P L E J

BABY
GIFT
JOSEPH
MANGER
PEACE

CHILD
HAY
LIFE
MARY
STAR

CRIB
JESUS
LORD
MOTHER
WISEMEN



REV. CHANNELL CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW:

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Pastor Kevin will be having regular church office hours Tuesday thru Friday from 9am – noon.

CPC PRAYER CHAIN

	Home	Work	Cell
Rev. Kevin Channell	464-3590	463-5918	817-1053
Hilda Morris	463-5543		570-0787
Nellie Leech	463-4129		570-3318
Haven Nicely	463-3459		
Pat Deacon	463-6116		460-0642
Frances Ruley			461-2041
Janet Scott	464-5214		570-0377
Debbie McCormick	463-7652		460-1325
Alisa Cummings	463-3749		460-8808
Roger Lees			784-9000
CB Potter	784-1026		784-3130
Donna V. Potter	784-1026		319-9895

CPC USHER LIST:

DECEMBER	RICHARD DAVIS
JANUARY	JANET SCOTT
FEBRUARY	GEOFF GOODBAR



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

We invite those who have not been coming to church, to participate in the Advent Services by reading the scripture, lighting the Advent Candle, and saying a prayer. You may come to the church during the week for Judy or Pastor Kevin to record you and it will be shown during the worship service that Sunday, or you may do it at home and record yourself on your cell phone. Let us know if you would like to participate and we will make the arrangements. We even have the scripture and prayer typed out for you. We really miss you and hope you will be able to join in this ministry. You may contact Raynelle or Pastor Kevin.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

3:00 pm Traditional Service

Join us in the Sanctuary for a traditional Lessons and Carols with communion. The balcony and fellowship hall will also be available for seating as needed.

9:00 pm Silent Night Under the Stars

Join us for a 30-minute service of scripture and carols on the front sidewalk of the church. Experience what it may have been like for Mary and Joseph on that cold night so long ago. Be sure to dress for the weather.



RECIPE CORNER

Nellie's Banana Pudding

Jade Knick

1 14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

1 ½ cup cold water

1 (4 oz serving size vanilla pudding)

2 cups whipping cream- whipped (1 pint) or cool whip fold in

36 vanilla wafers

3 medium bananas sliced (dip in lemon juice)

Combine milk, water in large bowl

Add pudding mix, beat well

Chill 5 minutes

Fold in whip cream

Spoon 1 cup pudding mixture in 2 ½ qt dish

Top with 1/3 wafer, bananas & pudding

Repeat layering twice ending with pudding

Chill thoroughly @ least 1 hour

Brunch Casserole

Bessie Potter

Effinger Fire House Cookbook

1lb sausage, cooked (but not dry)

½ lb. grated cheese

8 slices white bread, crusts trimmed and cubed

3 or 4 eggs

2 cups milk

½ tsp salt

1 tsp dry mustard

Dash of pepper

Use a 9x13 inch Pyrex dish. Place bread as a liner in bottom of dish, then cheese, then sausage.

Sprinkle these evenly over the bread. Mix eggs, milk, salt, mustard, and pepper. Pour egg mixture over the bread cheese, and sausage. Chill overnight, then bake at 350 for 30-35 mins.

Fruit Cookies

Adale Johnston

Effinger Fire House Cookbook

½ cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 ¾ cup flour
¼ cup buttermilk
1 cup candied cherries coated in flour
1 cup chopped dates, coated in flour
½ tsp salt
½ tsp soda
2 tsp vanilla
1 cup nuts chopped

Cream shortening and sugar. Add salt and soda to buttermilk. Add to shortening and sugar. Add part of flour; mix. Add rest of ingredients. Mix well. Place in refrigerator 30 minutes. Drop by teaspoon on cookie sheet. Bake at 325 until light brown 10 -12 minutes.

Christmas Salad

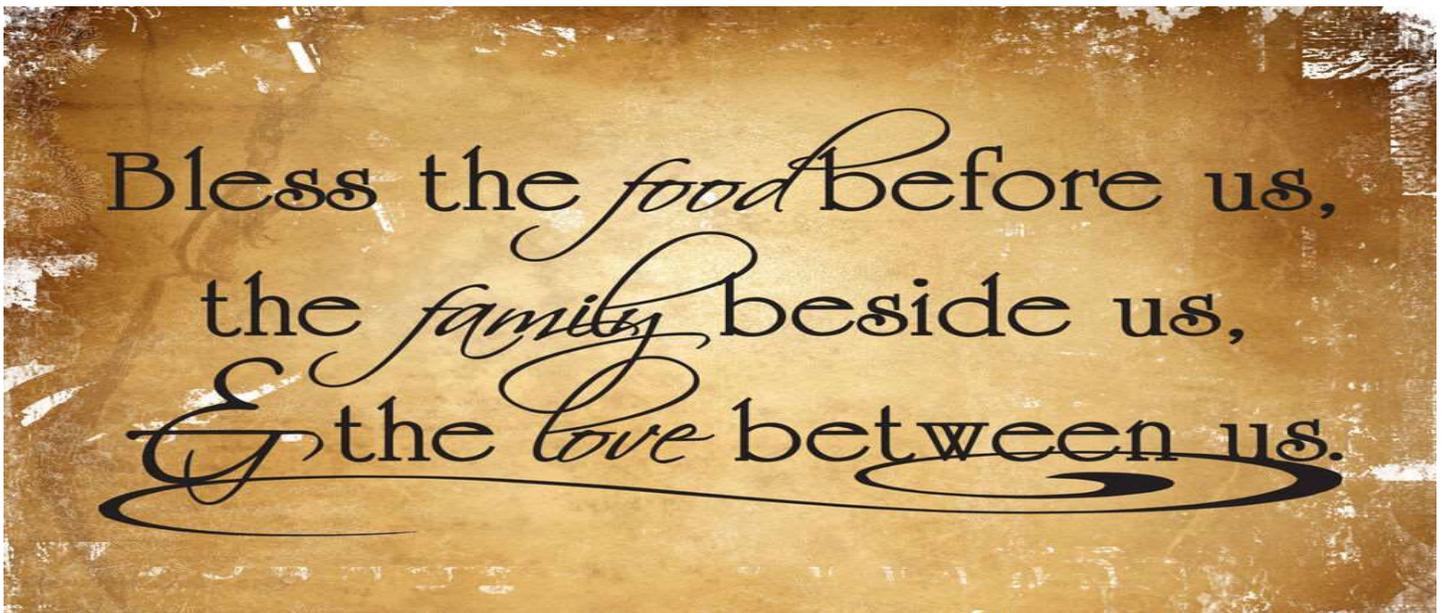
Amish Cookbook

1 head of broccoli chopped into florets
1 head of cauliflower chopped into florets
1 red onion
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

Rinse veggies, drain, mix into a salad bowl.

Dressing: 1 cup mayonnaise, ½ cup sour cream, 1 T sugar
1 lb. Extra Sharp Cheese

Mix dressing ingredients, spread over veggies, stir, and chill in fridge for one hour before serving.



Thinking of you

Note Card Page

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Weekly Bulletin deadline is
9 a.m. Thursday.
Newsletter deadline is
5 p.m. on the 21st
of the month.

Bible Study each Wednesday 7pm via zoom

Each Sunday at CPC

11:00 a.m. – Worship; Facebook Live
Drive in Church 89.5FM