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Birthdays

1 st	Brad Jarvis
2 nd	John Neal Scott
13 th	Lindsey Davis
18 th	Carrie VanNess
19 th	Brian Jarvis
20 th	Chris Cartwright
22 nd	Raynelle Ankney
24 th	John Alan Martin, Jr.
25 th	Billy Cummings Gayle Cummings
28 th	Hilda Morris



CANCELLATIONS:

In the event of bad weather causing any cancellations of church activities you will be contacted by your ELDER SHEPHERD. Please make sure your elder and or church office has your correct contact information.

From Interim Pastor Carl Pattison

Pastor Carl's Epistle

Pop quiz time! Are you ready? *How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?* **Ten.** One to call the electrician, & nine to say how much they liked the old one better. *How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?*

Thirteen. One to change the bulb & a dozen to pray against the spirit of darkness. *How many Calvinists(Presbyterians) does it take to change a light bulb?*

None. God has predestined when the lights will be on.

How many Centre Church members does it take to change a light bulb? **Twenty-seven.** Pastor Carl to find a light bulb. _____ to purchase the light bulb. _____ to organize the potluck supper, & two dozen people to bring a dish to pass as the bulb is properly disposed.

Come on now, really, how many modern day Christians does it take to replace a light bulb? **None.** We don't believe in change.
Peace and joy in Christ, Pastor Carl

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From the Worship Committee:

A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who helped decorate the church for Christmas, helped with the Christmas program and meal, and participated in the Christmas Eve service. Also, thanks to our Advent readers. It was a successful month and Holiday because of you.

If you would like to volunteer to serve in the following capacities in 2022, please let Raynelle know:

- -make communion bread
- -usher
- -ring church bell
- -assist Judy with Technology
- -serve on worship committee

Church Cancellation:

1. As COVID continues to raise its ugly head we ask that you be vigilant in wearing a mask if you have not been vaccinated. The decision to cancel in sanctuary worship service will be made on a weekly basis by the Worship Chair, Pastor Pattison, and another Elder when it is prudent for the health and wellbeing of the congregation.
2. It is that time of year when we may have Intermittent Weather and need to cancel worship services. Should there be snow or ice please check the church Facebook page, emails, and text messages for cancellation notification. Your shepherd may also make attempts to reach you by phone.



From your Music Director... Happy 2022, Everybody!

The past two years proved the power of prayer during all the trials we as a congregation experienced. Ever changing, we know that our church survived and thrived in spite of what life threw at us.

Our Christmas program was a testament to what pulling together can do. I am so proud of our choir, guest musicians and congregation for the energy in the sanctuary that day. Special thanks to The Mark Templeton Band for the amazing music. I am already thinking about our program for next Christmas!

We started this year with a new pastor, again, who did not get to serve his first Sunday LIVE. So, thank goodness for technology! As most of you know, I am facing surgery(s) this year. We are just waiting for our challenging plague to clear at AMC for my safety.

I have musicians and ideas on the ready for providing as much music as I can during my recovery. The request line is open! I have gone through the extensive list from last year. If I missed one, or if you have new requests, please let me know. You can call, text, email, message, snail mail or leave notes on the piano. Tell me about the songs you like...and why they are your favorites.

Dee-oh-Gee and I look forward to what our new year holds for us and CPC. Welcome Pastor Carl and Rachel!



Thank you all! –
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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the "Santa Comes to Collierstown". We had approximately 50 children from the surrounding area. We are blessed to live in such a supportive church-based community.

We also appreciate those that participated in the community and downtown Christmas caroling. We visited 11 homes in the county, and 8 homes in the city. Our church ladies graciously provided cookies and goodies to gift to those we visited during caroling.

Looking forward to more activities in 2022.



FROM B&G

I just want to thank everyone who has helped out with various jobs and projects over the last three years with building and grounds at church. I will give out more info in the annual report for 2021.

Thanks, Billy Cummings-Chair

FROM PW

PW will be meeting Thursday January 20 at 6:30. We will need to elect a Secretary at this time.

It is the time of year we need to decide on our mission spending for the 2022 year. We will also be discussing how to proceed with a dinner in the upcoming year.

On a side note, the kitchen remodel ran into a glitch. After a delay in delivery of the second range , it arrived and was damaged. The proper paperwork has been filed to get a replacement.

On a positive note, the stove looks lovely as does the butcher block piece. Hope to see all to further the mission and fellowship of the Presbyterian Women of CPC.

Thank you, Frances Ruley-Moderator



JANUARY

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9:

Called Session meeting re ordination and installation at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall.

January 9:

Ordination and installation of Elder Class of 2024 during Worship.

January 13:

Annual reports from Session committees and all CPC organizations due to the CPC Secretary, copy ready

January 23:

2021 Annual Reports distributed at Worship.

January 30:

Annual Congregational Meeting at the close of Worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY GIFT

THANK YOU!

The Christmas Joy Gift, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.), was received in December. A total of \$245.00 was collected and will be used to support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to provide scholarship support to new leaders studying in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

Thank you for your investment in the leadership of the church past, present, and future.

Submitted by Witness & Congregational Care

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO SPONSOR BLANKET SUNDAY

January 23, 2022 is “Blanket Sunday” at Collierstown Presbyterian Church! Each year the CPC Presbyterian Women have set aside a Sunday in January to encourage our church family to donate funds to purchase blankets for distribution by Church World Service. The blankets purchased will be given to needy people around the world. Blankets serve many purposes for those in need. They are used to shelter a homeless family, they become a way of transporting and storing a family’s belongings when a move becomes necessary, and of course they provide warmth when the temperatures drop. Sometimes blankets are used to cover an individual when clothing is inadequate. Ten dollars will provide one blanket to an individual or family.

Ten dollars is a significant sum of money but when examined in light of how that sum is often spent, it is easy to see how little it takes to make such an important provision. Many will spend ten dollars for snacks, coffee, and entertainment that has no lasting value. Why not use that amount to make a lasting investment?

As we begin a new year let us resolve to put our money with our witness and give ten dollars to buy a blanket or two or three or . . . ? In the last four years the CPC PW has purchased 617 blankets by raising \$6170. Our 2021 goal was 105 blankets, and we received enough funds to purchase 330 blankets with the help of the Pike Pod families and the community. This year we are setting the 2022 goal at 120 blankets. We know 2021 was a difficult year here in our community and around the world as we confronted and dealt with the ravages of the COVID-19 crisis, inflation, and a sagging economy. We are however committed to doing amazing things and we ask for your prayerful support as well as for your donations. Offering envelopes are available in the church sanctuary for members to start placing the money they are saving for their gift. On Sunday, January 23 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service the donation envelopes will be collected, and our offering dedicated for the purchase of blankets that Church World Service will distribute to those in need. Members who are worshipping virtually with us and friends of the community can mail donations to Collierstown Presbyterian, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA 24450 designating them for “Blanket Sunday.” Luke 1:37 says *“For with God nothing will be impossible.”* We give because we care and want to help others by extending God’s love and provision to them in a tangible way. Your support is needed and is most appreciated!

Submitted by Collierstown Presbyterian Women