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October Birthday's

1st Martha Bodnar McCormick

2nd Thomas Goodbar

3rd Nancy Catlett
Beth Homicz
Dustin Mayo

4th Melissa Hostetter

7th Stephanie Ballard Kirk Goodbar

9th Jennifer Stump Trent Rowsey

13th Joan Potter

Karen Moore

15th Betty Trovato

16th Hillary Deacon

17th Steve Hildreth

20th Joe Cummings

25th Ian Treger

26th Raeann Hostetter

27th Kelsie Caldwell

29th Frances Ruley

Anniversaries

2nd Jonathan & Kimberly Hines

Troy & Tonya Potter

8th Jim & Nancy Vallance

9th Don & Joyce Reid 13th Greg & Lisa Hartless,

Bradley & Morgan Goodbar

14th Will & Cassie Knick

20th Tommy & Kathryn

Harris

23rd Will & Ashley Hartless

CB & Donna Potter

29th John & Nancy Conklin





Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Change. The one thing that is constant in our lives. It is guaranteed. The definition of change is "to make different; alter or modify. To replace with something else, something of the same kind, substitute one thing for another" or "the act or instance of making or becoming different."

Change is important in life. It makes one more flexible, more understanding, and prepares us for the future. It can be exciting, lead to opportunities, and mean progress. Changes are milestones in our life and mark our journey.

Change will happen, it is undeniable and is an integral part of development.

Change is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control of life. The good news is that God has a plan for our lives that includes hope, future and prosperity. We must trust in God and all the change to grow us to become more like Jesus Christ.

We are promised that all things will work together for good for those who love Him and keep His commandments! God is walking this life journey with us. His presence is always with us, guiding us.

We at CPC have been forced to embrace change and not fear it, make it work for us. Over the past 18 or so months there have been many changes to how we worship. We have moved to using technology to ensure our congregation has opportunities to worship when they are unable to be with us in person. We used, and continue to use, projections for parts of the service and printed the scripture and music in the bulletin. We embraced the POD and created other ways to engage our children and the community in worship by inviting them to be part of worship, hosting events and reaching out on personal levels.

And now there is a change in the pulpit. We will have visitors who will preach the word of God. We will need to rely on pastors in the community, as well as each other, for our pastoral needs. We will need to be patient and supportive of our search team as they interview and prayerfully seek to find us a new pastor. And as we move through the process, let us continue to embrace change, welcome new ideas, and seek God's guidance every step along the way. God has a plan, let's be ready for it and joyfully move toward it. *Blessings, The CPC Worship Committee*



FROM KELLY HARRIS, MUSIC DIRECTOR:

CPC OCTOBER

Calling all kids, singers, actors, musicians, bell ringers, volunteers and whatever your gift, you can help.

Here is the rehearsal and program schedule.

Please mark your calendars.

Kids Choir from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Thursday 10/14

Thursday 10/28

Thursday 11/11

Thursday 11/18

Thursday 12/9

Saturday 12/11 from 10:00 a.m. –Noon for dress rehearsal

The Christmas Program is

Sunday December 12

Beginning at 11:00a.m. be at the church by 10am.

Thanks!

Kelly Harris www.etcbykelly.com

B&G CLEAN UP DAYS



It's that time of year again. Mark your calendar for October 23 and 30th.

Clean up times will begin at 8am but come when you can.

Bring your hand tools and strong backs. It's time to clean up the church and manse yards.

If you have questions please contact Billy Cummings, B&G Chairman or Mark Fontenot





ANNUAL "SCHOOL BAG CAMPAIGN" A SUCCESS!

The PW concluded its annual "School Bag Campaign" on Sunday, August 29. One hundred canvas tote bags filled with basic school supplies were returned to the church sanctuary filling the first pew and the floor below it. The Collierstown United Methodist Church joined with CPC PW preparing twenty-one of the school bags that were assembled. Special thanks to PW member Louise Tardy and CUMC member Amy Hayslette for making the sturdy and attractive canvas bags that were filled with supplies. Judy Goodbar and Debbie McCormick checked each bag's contents and packaged them for shipment.

On September 13 Reese McCormick and Louise Tardy transported the bags to the Brethern Disaster Ministries building in Weyers Cave to begin their journey to Church World Service, the agency that will distribute the school kits to needy students in the United States and around the world. The monetary gifts that were given to the School Bag campaign will be used by CWS to cover the costs of shipping the bags to the locations where they are needed. Each bag was sent on its way with a prayer that the student who receives it will come to know Jesus.

Many thanks to everyone and our Collierstown United Methodist friends who helped make this PW project a church and community wide effort!

CPC Presbyterian Women

PW'S ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER POSTPONED

The Annual Church Dinner Steering Committee decided on Thursday, September 9 not to hold the Annual Church Dinner in 2021 due to concerns related to the COVID-19 virus and its variants. This year's dinner was to have been a "take out meal event" only. The decision came after much discussion and prayer. Since 1925 church members, neighbors, and friends from the area have enjoyed coming together on the first Saturday in November to enjoy dinners of country ham, roast turkey with all the trimmings, and fried oysters cooked on the church's wood stove. An array of home cooked vegetables, homemade bread, and assorted slices of cake have added to each meal making it a delicious dining experience. The centerpiece of the day has been the warm welcome and hospitality that draws people to the community on a crisp autumn Saturday each year. Church members always look forward to the opportunity of working and fellowshipping with one another while serving the dinner's patrons.

The Presbyterian Women would like to express their appreciation to all the CPC members, friends, and neighbors who have faithfully supported and enjoyed our Annual Church Dinner in the past. We look forward to welcoming you in 2022 with lots of delicious food, a Bazaar filled with crafts and baked goods, and the warmth of our hospitality.

Submitted by: PW Annual Dinner Steering Committee



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



More information will be coming out in the next few days. For now, save the date for **October 30th 5-7pm** for another Halloween event in the Potter field, across from the Effinger Fire House.

Contact Rosalea Potter if you have any questions. 540-292-0859; riley.buffalocreekbeef@gmail.com



RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 2021

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Rally Day event on September 12th. We had special guests from the Potter farm, a goat and a lamb. The guests were characters for our scripture lesson 'who will you follow'.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS

The Annual Church Picnic and outdoor worship service was held on Sunday, August 22 at Lake Robertson in the Nelson W Hall Pavilion. Approximately seventy members and friends attended the event worshipping at 10:30 a.m. and staying on to enjoy the fellowship of a shared picnic lunch. Joining the congregation as special guests were the children and families of the The Pike and Camp Daniel. A skit by Peter and Jean Cook introduced the worship hour that included Ray and JoAnn Blouin providing special music. The atmosphere was relaxed and casual as many stayed on for the afternoon enjoying games and free swimming at the lake's pool. Special thanks to Roger Lees for organizing the special games and free swim and to the Witness and Congregational Care for setting up the picnic, securing fried chicken for all to enjoy, and for making the iced tea and lemonade and providing bottled water that were a source of great refreshment. It was a wonderful day that brought the CPC family together as the warm days of summer were drawing to a close. Witness & Congregational Care Committee



NEW CPC FRIENDS & FAMILY DIRECTORY GOES TO PRESS

The CPC Family & Friends Directory will be available to the congregation the second Sunday in October. It includes updated contact information for church members and friends of the congregation along with a listing of CPC college student addresses for the 2021-22 school year. A roster of the active church membership can be found on the final two pages. Be sure to pick up a paper copy at one of the sanctuary doors.

Witness & Congregational Care Committee

CELEBRATING NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

A "Lemonade on the Lawn" reception was held on Sunday, September 26 following the worship hour and congregational meeting. The CPC family gathered together on the front lawn of the church to extend best wishes to Rev. Kevin and Molly Channell and to celebrate the new ministry opportunity they have accepted at Petersburg Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, West Virginia. Members had an opportunity to leave cards and notes for the Channell's expressing thanks for their ministry at Collierstown and to wish them well as Rev. Channell assumes his position as the minister of the Petersburg church. Laughter, hugs, and handshakes were the order of the day signaling new opportunities for the Channell's and the CPC family as we continue to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

CHANNELL, Kevin, Molly and Melinda 20 N. Main Street, Unit 1 Petersburg, WV 26847



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED

On Sunday, October 3 the CPC family will join other Christians around the world to observe World Communion Sunday. As we gather at the communion table we will celebrate our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Also on that day Presbyterians will receive the Peace & Global Witness offering. This offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the offering will remain with our local congregation to support peacemaking in our locality. Be in prayer as to what you will give as we commit to building a more just and peaceful world.

Witness & Congregational Care Committee

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