

# The Colliers Creek Chronicle



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## October Birthday's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Bodnar  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Goodbar  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Catlett  
Beth Homicz  
Dustin Mayo  
4<sup>th</sup> Melissa Hostetter  
7<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Ballard  
Kirk Goodbar  
9<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Stump  
Trent Rowsey  
13<sup>th</sup> Joan Potter  
Karen Moore  
15<sup>th</sup> Betty Trovato  
16<sup>th</sup> Hillary Deacon  
17<sup>th</sup> Steve Hildreth  
20<sup>th</sup> Joe Cummings  
25<sup>th</sup> Ian Treger  
26<sup>th</sup> Raeann Hostetter  
27<sup>th</sup> Kelsie Caldwell  
29<sup>th</sup> Frances Ruley

## Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan & Kimberly Hines  
Troy & Tonya Potter  
8<sup>th</sup> Jim & Nancy Vallance  
9<sup>th</sup> Don & Joyce Reid  
13<sup>th</sup> Greg & Lisa Hartless  
Bradley & Morgan Goodbar  
14<sup>th</sup> Will & Cassie Knick  
20<sup>th</sup> Tommy & Kathryn Hartless  
23<sup>rd</sup> Will & Ashley Hartless  
CB & Donna Potter  
29<sup>th</sup> John & Nancy Conklin

## A Note from Pastor, Rev. Kevin Channell...

Dear Friends,

According to the calendar, this is October. That means it is the autumn season. Yes, the leaves are falling. Yes, some leaves are changing color. This is one of my favorite times of year; when expected cooler temperatures bring relief from the heat of summer.

The seasons mark more than the passage of time but are a reminder that you and I are just passengers on this celestial ball. As the earth rotates the sun, and the seasons come and go, we know that God is the one in charge. Neither you nor I can stop the changing cycles. I cannot stop the heat of summer, and you who dread the winter cannot stop the snowflake. Therefore, we each enjoy that season which we cherish.

The same can be said about our lives. Through the passage of time, each of us has experienced some event, some rite of passage that sets us on a new path, in a new direction. I grew up as a child of the church; I knew how I was supposed to live. One day I turned around and found our Lord standing behind me beaconing me to come to him. In turning, he laid before me the path of ministry that I have followed since—a path that has not always been smooth, but at times filled with pitfalls and detours, yet a path that I did not walk alone but with him. Through the death of my parents and two siblings, numerous trips to the ER and sitting in OR waiting rooms, facing my own demons and fears, I have felt his hand upon my shoulder. God has always been there.

Each of you, as you reflect upon your own journey of faith, can find those moments, those seasons of God's choosing that have altered the course of your life as well.

The journey into God's future will continue to have pitfalls, moments of confusion, times of sadness and moments of joy. Nevertheless, the journey will be one filled with the knowledge that we do not travel alone. For together we have a faithful companion, who at times is hidden and at times his presence is exposed, but who never leaves us alone. God is with us in times of confusion and discernment, times of heartache and joy.

As seasons change, and challenges are ever before us, whatever comes our way, we are not alone. *Pastor Kevin*

# WORSHIP PLAN FOR OCTOBER



9/27/2020	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21
10/4/2020	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8
10/11/2020	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14
10/18/2020	20th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:9-20; 2:1-10
10/25/2020	21st Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1-17
11/1/2020	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:1-1-24



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

Pastor Kevin will be gone October 5-11<sup>th</sup> for a Continuing Education Conference.

REV. CHANNELL CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW:

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## MUSIC CORNER:



**Let's get creative for Christmas!**

After all, Mary and Joseph had to improvise so what can we do? It will be based around Luke 2, like last year but you get to put your own twists in the program!

1. I would like for the younger kids to sing a couple of Christmas songs and video them. You can wear costumes if you want and use props.
2. I'd like people to send me videos for "Memories of my favorite Christmas past." So, tell a story no longer than 5 minutes about a special Christmas that still makes you smile. Open to all ages!
3. If you play an instrument, record you playing a Christmas tune.
4. If you sing, you can download a background track to your favorite Christmas Carol, or I'll be glad to play for you.
5. I would like the youth to HELP ME!!! I'm feeling like a dinosaur with technology, so we need a movie splicer and editor.
6. Find old pictures of previous CPC Christmas programs, reunions, revivals, dinners, etc. and scan them or send them to me.
7. Mostly, just have fun with this.

WHAT I NEED:

To know what you want to sing, play, or act.

**Deadline is Sunday, November 1 for all entries.**

Let me know what you need from me and we'll get it done.

*Youth, please contact me to let me know who wants to head the video production committee and who wants to help on that.*

Let's share our blessings and memories. We can make this a spectacular Christmas program.

Thanks all, Kelly

Questions???? - contact me at

540-461-0247, kelly@etcbykelly.com



## CHURCH BELL

We love the bell, but it is in danger of falling silent. Please volunteer to be the **CPC Bell Ringer** and keep our voice alive throughout the valley. The Worship Committee is looking for someone to ring the bell to call our valley to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. Called to God's Service? *Please email [Roger@NLPLifeCoaching.net](mailto:Roger@NLPLifeCoaching.net) with your positive response.*

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## SOUND SYSTEM/VIDEO SYSTEM:

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The Sight and Sound team needs your help!

If you have an interest/gift in technology and electronics, please contact Reese McCormick or Judy Goodbar.



## It's Pumpkin season: Pumpkin-Lentil Soup

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I was really craving a hot delicious soup—something filling and healthy. I looked around my kitchen for a few ingredients, then created this recipe. Pumpkin adds creamy richness and body. — Amy Blom, Marietta, Georgia

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 15 min. Cook: 45 min.  
YIELD: 6 servings.

### Ingredients

3 cups water  
3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth  
2/3 cup dried lentils, rinsed  
2 large garlic cloves, minced  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained  
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained  
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin  
1/2 cup mild salsa  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
5 cups fresh spinach, lightly packed

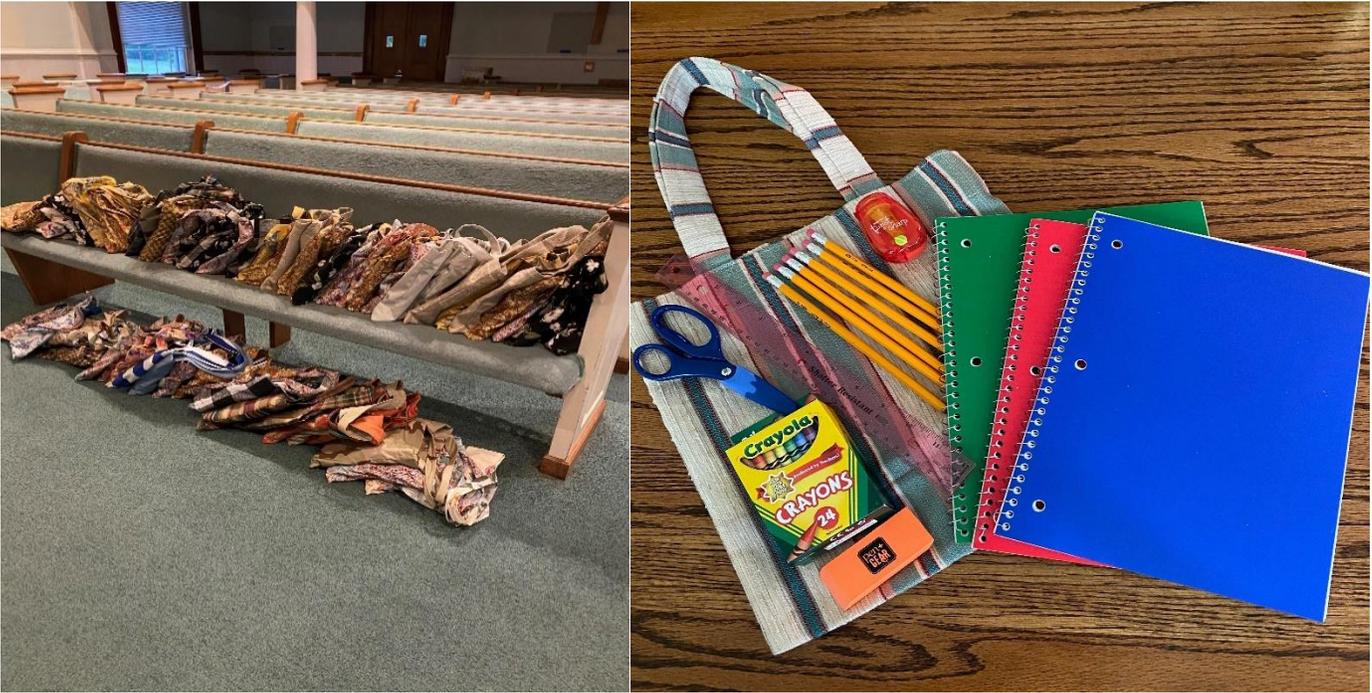
### Directions:

1 In a 6-qt. stockpot, bring first six ingredients to a boil. Cook, covered, over medium heat until lentils are tender, 20-25 minutes.

2. Stir in beans, pumpkin, salsa, and salt until blended; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in spinach; cook until wilted, 3-5 minutes.

[www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

# ***SCHOOL BAG UPDATE:***



The Presbyterian Women concluded their annual "School Bag Campaign" on Sunday, September 13. One hundred canvas tote bags filled with basic school supplies for needy students 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 thirty-two 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 for the students that will receive these special gifts.

A team of PW members headed by Judy Goodbar checked each bag's contents and packaged them for their journey to Church World Service which 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 sending 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 who helped make this PW project a church and community wide effort!



## ONE MORE THING . . .

The boxed school bags were taken by Debbie McCormick and Louise Tardy on September 18 to the Brethren Disaster Ministries building located at the Shenandoah District Office of the Church of the Brethren in Weyers Cave, VA. This location is an official pick up point for Church World Service that is used by a number of churches and denominations in providing donations to CWS. The facility welcomes volunteers from youth to seniors and is handicapped accessible. It is equipped to assemble health kits, disaster buckets, and school kits for Church World Service while following COVID-19 guidelines and maintaining social distancing regulations.

Please pray for additional opportunities for Collierstown Presbyterian Church members to help meet the needs of others by sending teams of volunteers to this location to assist in the work being done so close to home. For more information on how to volunteer or support the CWS work of the Brethren Disaster Ministries contact Rev. Jerry Ruff by phone (540-447-0306) or email (ruffrev2@yahoo.com).

*Submitted by Debbie McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator*

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE:

The Presbyterian Women held their fall meeting on Thursday, September 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Members were reminded the annual "School Bag" campaign would conclude on Sunday, September 13.

The PW has begun its Horizons Bible Study entitled "Into the Light-Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" through the C & F and Night Circles. Women interested in being a part of this study can still do so by contacting Mary Jarvis (463-4639), Moderator of the C & F Circle, or Debbie McCormick (463-7652), Moderator of the Night Circle for information and study materials. The second lesson of the study for the Night Circle will be on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The C & F Circle will hold the second lesson's study on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join one of the two study groups.

It was decided to go ahead with the remodeling of the church's kitchen and the replacement of the electric stoves with gas ranges. This project originally set for February was postponed due to the COVID-19 quarantine and the closing of the church building.

The PW's annual Thank Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 22 during the morning worship hour. This year's offering will be used to support fifteen projects, thirteen in the United States and two that are international in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia. Forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. Information on each project will be available in November.

The decision to postpone the Annual Church Dinner and Bazaar until November 6, 2021 was reviewed. Decisions on the event and its format will be discussed at the January 21, 2021 meeting that will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Debbie McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator*

# *In Youth News*



Chas and Rosalea Potter hosted a youth gathering at their farm on Sunday, September 6 before students returned to school. A group of twenty-five middle and high school students, their parents, and other adults gathered to roast hot dogs, play games, and participate in team challenges. Each youth member was given a daily devotional entitled Make It Count from the CPC Night Circle. It contained a short devotional offering encouragement to students for each of the one hundred and eighty days in the school year. The evening concluded with fireworks lighting up the skies over Collierstown.

Please keep all of our children, youth, teachers, and school staff in your prayers throughout the school year and during this time of “virtual learning.”

# CHILDREN'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE



# NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE CHURCH



## *CPC's Active Elders and Officers*

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GEOFFREY GOODBAR	Stewardship	540-460-0207
RAYNELLE ANKNEY	Worship	804-837-7833
BILLY CUMMINGS	B&G	540-460-9932
AUSTIN RAMSEY	Christian Education	540-460-9276
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 2022: Raynelle, Randy and Jade*

*Class of 2021: Austin, Rosalea, Billy*

*Class of 2020: Roger, Geoff, Judy*

## ***Session Committee Updates:***

### **Stewardship Update:**

Stewardship season is quickly approaching. We will be sending out pledge cards the first part of October with Commitment Sunday being the first Sunday in November. We ask that you prayerfully consider not only your financial commitment, but your time and talent commitments for 2021 in response to God's blessings in your life.

### **CPC Sanctuary "Fund Drive" Buildings and Grounds update:**

Greetings CPC Friends and Family,

We would like to start off by saying how blessed we are with our church family, after sending out our last correspondence asking for funds to do much-needed work in the sanctuary we have received \$21,375 to date. A lot of work has been completed since then also both outside and in the sanctuary getting things ready for the painting contractor to start. We are projecting our sanctuary project to cost around \$13,400, which would leave us with a surplus of funds. In the past few weeks, we have done a lot of work on the exterior of the church building to the guttering, chimneys and roof repairing leaks, and potential issues that could turn into leaks. We also started the project of installing a French-drain system in the rear of the church trying to stop water from entering the basement as it has done for years, also making it a gravel parking area in the rear helping with the soft, muddy mess in the winter and at the annual dinner. We believe we have determined how the water was entering the sanctuary in the back left corner and plans have been made for a contractor to do that work next week to get that water away from the church. While doing all of this work outside we have noticed that the church is in need of exterior painting of the roof, brick and trim work. Since we are so blessed and have a surplus of donated funds we have reached out and spoke with some people who have donated and they do not mind spending some of the money's that was donated for the sanctuary on this work hopefully in the spring.

We would love your input on picking out a color for the sanctuary, If you are able to go up to the church to look at the paint samples that are painted on the walls in different locations of the sanctuary please let Billy or Mark know your favorite number. We ask that if you do go up other than church service time to be sure and turn on all of the lights in the sanctuary to get the best look with the new LED lighting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Billy Cummings or Mark Fontenot Buildings of the Grounds Committee.

Thank you again, and hope to see you soon!

Buildings and Grounds and -Stewardship Committees

Billy Cummings - 463-3749

Mark Fontenot-570-8969

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

- In September we returned to worship in the sanctuary with Drive-In Church still an alternative. Our attendance has increased slightly, and we hope more will join us as time goes on. We also continue to live stream and download to Facebook for those who wish to attend from their homes.
- Judy and Reese are still working out the kinks of our sound and video system. Each Sunday can present a new challenge which they make every attempt to overcome. Please be patient when things are not working as they should and be sure to thank them for their efforts. If you would like to assist them, please let us know.
- We are so blessed to have a bell that will ring through the near valley and what a beautiful sound it makes. We appreciate all who have taken turns ringing the bell this summer and ask that each Sunday someone volunteers, so we continue to ring out a Joyful Noise and call to worship.

### PERSONNEL UPDATE:

1. Pastor Kevin will be gone on Continuing Education the week of October 5-11.
2. Pastor Kevin will be having regular church office hours Tuesday thru Friday 9am -12pm, unless he has an appointment.
3. He has finished his Christian education class.

### SESSION ACTION ITEMS:

- Congregation meeting has been called for October 25 for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, and the recommendation of the Task Force on Incorporation.
  - The mailer packets that included the documents regarding the above-mentioned meeting were mailed out on Saturday 9-19-20 to all CPC members.
- Approval was given for PW to move forward with the work on the kitchen improvements.

# 2020 CPC Prayer Chain

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS! Jesus spent time alone with GOD in prayer and taught His disciples how to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. God calls each of us to pray without ceasing. Through prayer, God calls us to time alone with Him to show His love for us and to deepen our relationship with Him.

When you have a prayer concern, please contact Reverend Channell or any Prayer Warrior to put the Prayer Chain into action. Email prayer requests will be sent from CPC. When a prayer request is made, the first person on the list will contact the next Prayer Warrior. If an answering machine is reached, leave the message and call the next person on the list to keep the prayer chain moving. The goal is for each person to pray.

		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

“It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer and while they are speaking, I will hear”  
Isaiah 65:24

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 29:11-14

“Call to Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Jeremiah 33:3

**\*\*\*Please let the church office know if you would like to be included in the prayer chain\*\*\***

# PRAYER NEEDS:

WELCOME HOME NADINE GOODBAR!!

Please keep Nadine Goodbar in your prayers. She has returned home, and you may send cards to 107 Wallace Street, Lexington, VA 24450.

Please keep Brandy Roberts Hostetter in your prayers. Brandy was recently diagnosed with cancer and is the mother of three young children. She recently lost her brother and her mother is now receiving dialysis. Please keep Brandy in your prayers as he under tremendous stress. She is the co-worker of Brittney Camden Smith.

“...upon have surgery this is what they found....in addition to a portion of her intestine & liver, while in surgery they also removed her gallbladder & appendix. They will now send the cancer that was removed for testing. Depending on what those tests reveal will dictate whether she has to have any additional treatment. Continue to pray for her and her young family.”

You may send thinking of you and get-well cards to her at 569 Honey Hollow Rd, Lexington, VA 24450

Please add Jim Hamilton to your prayers as he was diagnosed with Cancer recently. You may send thinking of you cards to him at 552 North Dry Well Road, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

Please keep Tom Fairburn in your prayers as he recovers from knee surgery. You may send get well cards to him at 1008 Hayslette Road, Lexington, VA 24450.

Please add Nelson Hall in your prayers as he recovers from cataract surgery. You may send get well cards to him at 75 Thomas Hill Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

Please keep Mary Jarvis in your prayers as she recuperates at home. You may send her get well/thinking of you cards at 846 Collierstown Road, Lexington, VA 24450.

Please keep Gayle Cummings in your prayers as she had knee surgery. You may send get well cards to her at 487 Green Hill Road, Lexington, VA 24450.

Please keep Doris Bane in your prayers as she is currently at Kendal recovering from multiple strokes. Doris is Molly Moore's mother. Molly is the FCA leader at RCHS.

Please continue to pray for John McCormick, Reese McCormick's twin brother, who has recovered from COVID 19. He has been transferred to The Summit in Lynchburg for a week of physical therapy before returning to his home in Gretna, VA.

## **SHEPHERD'S LIST BY ELDER**

### **Kevin Channell 540-817-1053 Shepherd - to Elders and their families**

*THE ROLE OF ELDER: Each Elder is assigned a group of church members they contact when there is a need to communicate the cancellation of an activity or worship service or to pass along important information to the church family. Members should view their Elder Shepherd as a point of contact to the Session should a need arise. The Elder Shepherd should be used to convey suggestions and recommendations members would like considered by the Session.*

**Raynelle Ankney 804-837-7833**

*Nellie Leech, Chris & Phyllis Cartwright, Jason & Michelle McCurdy, Frances Ruley  
Reese & Debbie McCormick, Mary Jarvis, C.B. & Donna Potter*

**Randy Clark 817-7115**

*Mike & Jennifer Kelly, Louise Tardy, Hilda Morris, Janette Coleman  
Tim & Zane Hartley, Stephen McCormick, Cathy Campbell*

**Jade Knick 463-2687**

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Alex & Linda Wilder, Kelsey Hostetter, Mark & Tonya Fontenot*

**Austin Ramsey 460-9276**

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Brian Crockett*

**Rosalea Potter 540-292-0859**

*Peter & Jean Cook, Mike & Leigh Mayo, Rick & Linda Wendt, Nelson & Gatha Hall  
Bradley & Morgan Goodbar, George & Karen Kester  
Steve & Martha Potter*

**Billy Cummings 460-9932**

*Chris & Patty Williams, Neil & Michelle Treger, Jean & Lynn Black  
Elaine Higgins, Ecalean Entsminger, Eddie Black  
Susan & David Bryer*

**Roger Lees 784-9000**

*Billy Potter, Doug & Jessica Sission  
n, Richard & Lindsey Davis  
Larry & Kary Ramsey, Ross & Lauren Potter, Don & Joyce Reid*

**Geoff Goodbar 463-5493**

*Jim Hamilton, Scott Fairburn, Tom & Reva Fairburn, Jonathan & Kimberly Hines  
Mark & Shelia McCurdy, Seth & Marnie Caldwell  
David McCormick & Martha Bodnar*

**Judy Goodbar 463-4056**

*Haven & Cindy Nicely, Pat & Hilary Deacon, H.V. & Zola Goodbar  
Adrienne Hostetter, Travis & Brooke Hicks  
Jean Black & Lynn Black, Wanda Dunnigan  
Mike & Kay Lewis*

*Weather calls are made by Rev. Kevin Channell, Billy Cummings, Building and Grounds Chairperson,  
Raynelle Ankney, Worship Committee Chairperson*



## COLLIERSTOWN COOKS RECIPE CORNER

Contact Joyce Reid to pick up your copy of the CPC Cookbook. You can find the below recipes and more. The cookbooks are \$10 each. All proceeds from the sales go towards the CPC PW missions. These will make a perfect wedding, birthday, and Christmas gift. Pick up your copy today.

### The Annual Dinner Giblet Gravy

Mrs. Ella Gay Potter

2-3 gallons of Turkey broth  
2 Cups chopped giblets

Bring to a boil and thicken with Wondra flour. Add salt and pepper to taste and Kitchen bouquet to color and WATCH! WATCH! To prevent scorching.

### The Annual Dinner Stuffing Patties

Mrs. Ella Gay Potter

40 lbs bulk pepperidge farm stuffing  
9 lb. cornbread mix  
10 lg celery  
15 lbs onions

4 lg celery seeds  
4 lg containers poultry seasoning  
8-gallon chicken broth

Preheat oven to 350. Prepare cornbread mix, following package directions. Crumble. Chop celery and onions in food processor. Cook the onions and celery until tender. Combine stuffing mixture, cornbread mixture, vegetables, seasonings, and broth. Form medium sized patties, layer on a cookie sheet (with Reynolds wrap in between layers) and freeze for up to four weeks. When time to cook, preheat oven to 350, make a single layer and bake for 30 minutes.

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