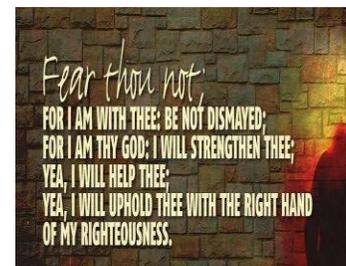




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## September

### Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jade Knick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Louise Tardy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruth Ann Hildreth Taelor Faith Hicks
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Fontenet
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Ross Higgins Ben Cartwright
7 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Potter Conner Ray Potter
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Morris
15 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Zollman
16 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Russell
18 <sup>th</sup>	McKenzie, Paden
and	
	Rachel Hines
19 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Potter
20 <sup>th</sup>	Josie Caldwell
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Shirley Martin
26 <sup>th</sup>	Chris
Montgomery	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Hank Leech
29 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson Hall

### Anniversaries

5 <sup>th</sup>	Doc & Ann Wilmore
7 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie & Joan Potter
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rick & Lynn Leech
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Peter Cook Tom & Nancy Catlett
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirk & Brooke Goodbar

## A Note from Pastor, Rev. Kevin Channell

As my ministry with Collierstown Presbyterian Church comes to a close, I would like to share some parting words with you.

These past four years have been a time of spiritual growth for me and I hope for you as well. We have laughed together. We have wept together. We have lifted our voices in praise to Almighty God together. We have gathered at the table, at the baptismal font, and at the grave together. In my family's time of need you have responded with love and support. I thank you for welcoming us into your homes, your families, and your hearts. Collierstown is a unique, and gifted congregation. God is doing great things in your midst, and I look forward to hearing of your continued work in his kingdom.

Leaving a congregation is difficult for both the pastor and congregation. We have opened our hearts and shared ourselves with each other. We have made good and lasting friendships that will continue for years to come.

There are some ministerial boundaries that will now need to be established. As of September 30, I will no longer be your pastor, but I will always be your friend. There are ethical guidelines established by the PCUSA and the Presbytery of the Shenandoah that must be adhered to. The Book of Order offers brief but important guidance in the matter of transitions:

"After the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, former pastors and associate pastors shall not provide their pastoral services to members of their former congregations without the invitation of the moderator of session (G-2.0905).

This means that I cannot be involved in any way in the life of CPC. I should not participate in funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. without the invitation of the session moderator. I know this sounds harsh, but this boundary is crucial to the life and health of the congregation and your new pastoral leadership. This will enable her/him to become the one you call upon, and allow for the growth of a healthy relationship between the congregation and the pastor. According to the presbytery guidelines,

"The former pastor's participation in significant life events inhibits the ability of the new pastor to build pastoral bonds with members of the congregation."

A second guideline that I must follow concerns our connections through social media. The presbytery guidelines state that we will covenant to

"refrain from all intentional pastoral interaction in person or online"

Therefore, those of you with whom I am friends with through social media will/may be receiving notice that you have been "unfriended." PLEASE do not take this personal. Those of you who wish to reconnect with me may do so after one year. You must make the invitation to do so, I cannot. I hope to reconnect with many of you as time goes on.

It has been an honor and privilege to be your pastor. I will always joyfully cherish our time together in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit's blessings strengthen you in all good things to the glory of God the Father.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Kevin



**FROM KELLY HARRIS,  
MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

*CPC September Newsletter*

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

*Everyone bring me photographs of family,  
history, current events, recent  
celebrations and the like before September  
30. I will scan them in. We will run the  
pictures and any videos during the  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas program.*

*You can email me, or leave pictures in an  
envelope with your name on it and I will  
scan and return.*

*I am planning a Christmas Extravaganza  
for 2021 including the CPC adult choir,  
kid's choir, special guest band and more.*

**Thanks!**

Kelly Harris  
[www.etcbykelly.com](http://www.etcbykelly.com)



## **B & G CLEAN UP DAYS**

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

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### CPC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The Presbyterian Women's two Bible Study groups, **the Night Circle** and **the C & F Circle**, will begin a new Bible study entitled "What My Grandmothers Taught Me – Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" written by Merryl Blair. An examination of the stories of the women mentioned or referred to in Jesus's genealogy will lead us into the Gospel and the Good News about Jesus Christ.

**The Night Circle will meet on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A "light" supper and time of fellowship will precede the study starting at 6:30 p.m. The C & F Circle will hold its meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A hospitality time will follow the meeting.**

Both Circles would like to extend an invitation to each CPC woman to join one of our groups. For more information and to receive this year's study materials contact Debbie McCormick (463-7652 or 460-1325), Moderator of the Night Circle, or Mary Jarvis (463-4639), Moderator of the C & F Circle. *We encourage you to come away once a month to discover treasure in God's Word that will strengthen and sustain you each day. We hope to see you in September!!!*

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, Night Circle Moderator*



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BEGIN A NEW YEAR

The Presbyterian Women will hold their **FIRST** meeting of the 2021-22 year on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for the new PW year will be discussed and finalized. All women in the congregation are encouraged to come together that evening for fellowship, opportunities to serve, and to learn about the role of Presbyterian Women at CPC.

Tentative plans for the Annual Church Dinner, a meal take out event, will be discussed. For more information on this women's ministry, contact Frances Ruley, PW Moderator, at 463-4844 or 461-2041.

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator Moderator*

