

LIFE AT THE SPRING

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September & October 2021 Newsletter

Pastor's Note -

As we reach into early Autumn, these months ahead are filled with new life and new ways to dedicate ourselves to Christ's call to practice being church together. It's in this time of year with the Spiritual Gifts season approaching that we look toward dedicating ourselves anew to the work and worship of this family of faith we call Tinkling Spring Presbyterian.

Much about this last year and a half has felt like interruption. Since March of 2020 our daily patterns and habits changed, we had to get used to a new normal that none of us had chosen. With children learning and parents working from home, trading in in-person gatherings for Zoom meetings, we've all been knocked out of our routines.

Your staff at Tinkling Spring have had countless conversations about what it takes to lead a congregation from afar. Even as we asked ourselves that question, we were having conversations in anticipation of the time we're in now. What challenges are ahead of us when the pandemic dust begins to settle and there's a return to some version of a new normal? Afterall, attending church from home in pajamas with a warm cup of coffee in hand is a cozy way to spend a Sunday morning. I figured that out myself!

The author of the New Testament book of Hebrews wrote, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."

Church is life in company with God and one another. Our Christ-centered faith is done in community—it's never "I," the first-person singular; it's always "we," the first-person plural. This Spiritual Gifts season we will focus upon the miracles of Jesus with the theme, "Jesus's Hands. Our Hands." Each Sunday in October, we will look at a different miracle story from the Gospels, asking how as a Christ-centered community we are being invited to extend healing to those near to us.

In Jesus's time, those with an affliction were deemed unclean and were cast out of their villages and away from their loved ones lest they contaminate them. Most of the Gospels' miracle stories involve Jesus reaching out to cure the one who suffered, but *all* of them include healing. Curing involves the recovery of the body; healing involves the recovery of relationships. Jesus's idea of healing always included the sick one being restored to their own communities, to their families, their homes, neighborhoods, to life with others.

Healing brings us back to community; being restored to community brings us healing. I hope to see you soon.

In Christ's healing love, Pastor Patrick



FROM THE CONGREGATION

The Mission Ministry Team would like to thank Henry Wood, Lowrie Tucker and Harrison Moyers for their dedication and hard work on the Summerlee Mission Project. Their efforts will allow the homeowners a more comfortable and safer home life. Praise be to God.



The supplies for our Operation Christmas Child mission have arrived. Distribution of the shoebox supplies will begin in late September. The following dates will give you targets for completing your shoebox gifts:

- 1. Deliver your boxes to the sanctuary from November 7-14.
- 2.We will dedicate our gifts during worship on November 14.

If you want to pick up supplies early, contact Becky Williams (487-5162) or Ramona Bosserman (886-4737).



Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

We all know the song "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands." The verses include you and me, brother, sister, the tiny little baby, and the whole wide world. God made it all.

This year our Spiritual Gifts Ministry will be focusing on the talent portion of the "time, talent, and treasure" aspects of our stewardship campaign. More specifically, what can each of us do with our God-given talents to further the mission of our church to serve God together?

God has given each of us certain talents, and He challenges us to use and grow them to bring others to Christ. Some members have musical talents; others are good at organizing; still others are great at teaching or being a good friend to others. All of our talents are important. This year, we would like to focus on what our members do and can do artistically with their hands.

The Spiritual Gifts season begins on Sunday, October 10th and culminates on Dedication Sunday, November 7th with a Tinkling Spring Art Show after worship in Spring Hall. In preparation for the Art Show we invite all TSPC members of any age to share the works of their hands in the areas of painting, woodworking, pottery, weaving, knitting, or any other handicraft that day. We envision a showing of items made by our members and a time to share those interests with one another. Items do not need to have a religious or Biblical theme; they just need to be made by hand. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact a member of the Spiritual Gifts Ministry Team. This is not a contest; items will not be judged, and no prizes will be awarded. Everyone who is willing to show their items, and everyone who comes to look at them, will be a winner! More details, including a way to sign up for a spot, will be provided as we leave the summer months behind and head into the fall season.

Blessings,

The Spiritual Gifts Ministry Team: Alan Biskey, Randy Houff, and Shirley Woytach



Dylan Yancey has completed Officer Candidate School at Quantico. He has successfully completed these courses and has graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp. He is currently attending

Infantry Officer School at Quantico. This school is billed to be one of the toughest programs. He hopes that with the completion of these classes to be an officer with the infantry. Our best wishes and blessings to Dylan as he serves our country in the Marines. No contact information for Dylan is available at this time.

A Note from Chance Snell



When I was younger, I always thirsted for a place to be. I didn't always fit in at school, and didn't ever play sports, but I was able to find my place here at Tinkling Spring. For that, for giving me a place where I belonged and was able to know the love of God, I will be forever grateful. And I have been eternally thankful for the opportunity this summer, short though it may have been, to continue to learn and grow with this community, and to be able to give back to it in whatever ways I am able.



I have loved working and laughing with John in the work we've done with the amazing youth of this church. I have loved learning and growing in my faith journey in my meetings with Patrick, as well as understanding better the ins-and outs of worship. I have loved returning to the fellowship of the softball field and trying my best to avoid being injured as I inch closer and closer to retirement. And I have loved once again just getting to spend time in the presence of this beautiful part of the world and the protection of these mountains which represent home to me.



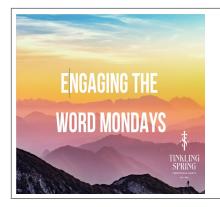
I have been going through a number of changes over the last few years, and through that process I have been thinking a lot on what to do as one moves through life. There are needed changes that must come when we are called to the growth God requires of us. But I have been terrified, at points, of leaping into that change, for fear of what it might cost. So, my favorite part of this experience has been coming to the realization that there are parts of my life which will always be there, forever unchanged regardless of other circumstances. And I think that Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church will forever feel like a second home to me no matter what else changes in my life. A place for me to learn and grow and feel safe.



I have learned a lot in a short amount of time this summer, how to get youth to paint a room and still have fun, how to plan and execute a worship service, how to make someone feel seen and heard when they've just lost a loved one, and many other things. But as I have gotten older, I have realized that the more you learn, the more you find you actually don't know. This church has taught me a lot, both in this internship as well as before, and I look forward to the many more lessons that I will learn with you all in the future.



The TSPC nursery will reopen on September 12, Genesis Sunday for all children younger than age 5, during Sunday school from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and during worship from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



Have you ever wondered what to do with the messages you hear in worship? Join Pastor Patrick as we engage in conversation with the previous month's scripture passages and sermons—reflecting upon them, engaging in conversation about them, and dialoguing with them, all in an effort be in communication with God about them. Join us on the following Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall:

2021: October 11, November 8, November 22, and December 20. 2022: January 17, February 28, March 21, April 11, May 9, and June 6.



Every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m., beginning on September 15th, you are invited to spend slow and quiet time in prayer and reflection in the sanctuary. Pastor Patrick will be in the sanctuary for these two hours to hold guite space with you or to attend to your spirit. These Wednesday hours will provide unstructured space and time for you to keep company with God.



Sundays, September 19 - November 7 9:00 a.m. in the A.C.T.S. Class, Room 217 Led by The Rev. Patrick Ryan

From creation to covenant, explore the opening chapters of this book of origins with Pastor Patrick during Sunday School. All adults are invited to attend.

CALLED BY GOD, BLESSED TO SERVE Genesis Sunday September 12

MENU

Roast Pork Loin with Gravy Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Dinner Roll Iced Tea

Cake

Sunday School Resumes for All Ages 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion **Catered Meal in Spring Hall** 11:00 a.m.

We will usher in a new year of Christian Education ministry with the return of Sunday School for all ages. During worship Bibles will be gifted to children and youth in the first, fourth and seventh grades, and the Sunday School staff will be recognized. Following worship we will enjoy fellowship over a delicious meal in Spring Hall prepared by Franklin Catering. To aid in preparations for the meal, please sign up on the easel in the sanctuary by Sunday, September 5, or by contacting Harriet Thompson at 540-885-0746 or dce@tinklingspring.com.

The Latter New Testament Letters

Bible Book Club

DINNER & Discussion Group Tuesday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Led by The Rev. Patrick Ryan

Dates:	Read:
September 6-8	1 Timothy
September 9-10	2 Timothy
September 11	Titus
September 13	Philemon
September14-18	James
September 20-22	1 Peter



Dates:	Read:
September 23-24	2 Peter
September 25-27	1 John
September 28-30	2 John
October 1	3 John & Jude

In preparation for the meal for the discussion group, or if you are in need of transportation to/from the discussion, please sign up in the sanctuary by Sunday, October 3, or contact Harriet Thompson at dce@tinklingspring.com

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- ✓ The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- ✓ The deadline to submit items for the **COMBINED NOVEMBER & DECEMBER** newsletter is 12:00p.m. on Friday, October 8.
- ✓ Send your brief announcement for the weekly bulletin by 12:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

When writing announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please keep in mind the five W's:

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?

Answer all of these questions in your announcement, and you can be sure that your news will be heard. Please send your articles to office@tinklingspring.com or place your information in the secretary's mailbox in the workroom. All submissions are subject to editing.

Because of time constraints, submissions for the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter received after the deadline will appear in the next publication.

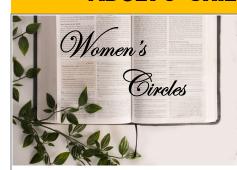
If you have not been receiving church emails, or if you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the church office

(540)885-0746 or office@tinklingspring.com.

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

Fridays: The office is closed, but you can reach the secretary via email at office@tinklingspring.com or by calling (540)885-0746 between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



Women nurturing their faith through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

Ruth Circle – Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Kitchenette. The ladies will study Psalm 90 this month. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch to enjoy following the Bible study. Wednesday, September 1. Contact Ramona Bosserman, 886-4737 or Libby Beyeler, 943-3202.

Lena Venable Circle – Meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. **Note: Due to the Labor Day Holiday this circle will meet on Tuesday, September 7.** Contact Vicky Conyers, 337-3631, or Shirley Dana, 943-6979.

Mary & Martha Circle – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and will continue with the Presbyterian Women's *Horizon* Bible Study, "God's Promises: I Am with You," which traces God's recurring promise of presence from Genesis through the Gospels. Upcoming gathering TBD. Contact Judy Dudley, 943-8138.

Teaching Children Worship in the Sanctuary

Sundays, September 19 - December 19

During worship on Genesis Sunday, September 12, we will resume calling forward children for the Children's Time. The following Sunday we'll begin talking about the purpose and practice of each part of worship during the Children's Time and this time will occur just before the act of worship we will learn about that day. Children ages 4 years through first grade will have the opportunity to learn more about the act of worship through a lesson each week outside of the sanctuary, from September 19 through December 19. Following the lesson they will return to their families in worship. An activity sheet to be used in worship will be provided during the Children's Time for those in second grade and older.

In addition to learning about worship in the sanctuary, families with children will find the following worship tools available:

- Children's Bulletin at each sanctuary entrance.
- A **Welcome to Worship Card** in the pew racks that provides helpful information and guidance for your family and the congregation.
- **Pew Cards** in the pew racks with images of worship items in the sanctuary, along with descriptions of how each item is used.

Please contact Harriet Thompson if you have any questions, dce@tinklingspring.com.



Monday, September 20 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. in Spring Hall Kindergarten-Fifth Grade \$10 per child - Register by Friday, September 17

The first teacher workday for Augusta County public schools is around the corner and we are preparing for a day of fun: games, art, mission, movie time and lots of outdoor fun. Families complete the registration form and provide the registration fee and a bag lunch for their children. Registration is required and forms are located in the brochure racks as well as https://www.tinklingspring.com/.

We strive to provide a safe environment for the children and leaders. Those who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask. Please contact Harriet Thompson (540-885-0746) if you have any questions.

Fun Day coincides with the Augusta County Schools' schedule and is subject to change.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

As we recently went back into classrooms, returned to normal routines, and (if you're anything like me!) put on real shoes for the first time in months, we began to prepare for the crisp mornings and brilliant color changes in nature this time of year. God is good all the time, but He really knows how to show off in the Fall!



While your summer melted away too quickly, I was working on planning out the program year ahead for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Packets with information for each of these groups, including complete program-year calendars, information, and registration forms (for youth) are available at each of the entrances to the sanctuary or by request. Some highlights in September/October for our Young Adults include a new Sunday school class (9:00 a.m Sundays, Chill Room), monthly Happy Hour gatherings, and Breakfast Fellowship opportunities. Our Youth Groups have their own list of exciting activities, in addition to resuming Sunday School, including mission and service projects, off campus events (apple picking!), and regular Middle and High School (separate) Youth Group meetings.



Behind, and beyond, all of the planning and preparing that went into crafting a year of activities and fellowship opportunities, learning and spiritual development, there was a heart of prayer. My prayer for our young people this year (and every year!) is that they grow to know Christ better, they learn to



rest in the Spirit of Christ and lay down their burdens to Him, and that they continue to seek ways to respond to God's grace toward them in service toward others. Please join me in this prayer as we launch what promises to be a TERRIFIC program year at our **Youth Kickoff Cookout, Sunday, September 12, 2021, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.** at the **TSPC Pavilion (current 6-12 graders and families invited).**

Please RSVP by email (dyyam@tinklingspring.com) if you plan to come, and let me know how many from your family will be joining us!

In Christ,

John M. Dull

Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministry







BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



- Jack Reed
 Jeremy Hoover
- 2 Josh Chandler Tucker Bosserman Ava Groves Douglas Layman
- 3 Chris Branham
- 4 Ron Bragg Ella Moffett
- 5 Ava Groves
- **6** Doris Wimmer Dylan Yancey
- **7.** Henry Moffett Trish Hoover Tyler Wood
- 8. Randy Groves

- 9 Lee Phillips LaVonia Kirby Carter Peery
- 10 Gene BarronRobert KochanowiczTara DursoNatalee Chandler
- **12** Lauren Hoover
- 14 Randy Gregory
- 15 Kim Rexrode
- 16 Anna Williams
- 17 Sarah Fauber Kathie Brandt
- **18** Leigh Branham
- **19** Jean Shrewsbury Sarah Johns

- 20 Bo Birckner
- 21 Scott Snider
- 22 Andrew Ryder
- 24 Alan Biskey Kristi Peery Karen Ryan
- 25 Gwen Carr Sandy Paxton Gail Byrd Barrett Hearn
- 26 Carolyn Bragg Madison Pringer
- **28** Grayson Katzenbach Jim Jones
- 30 Betty Jo Caldwell Julian Moffett

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



- 2 Jean Smith
- 3 Bonnie Estes
- 4 Kirsten Katzenbach
- **5** Kay Fulk
- **6** Chris Tuttle
- 7 Cooper Brandt
- 9 David Ray
- 10 Phil Mossman
- 11 Susan Thompson Lowrie Tucker
- 12 Lucy McCune Amaya Kinley Shelley Brumbaugh
- 13 Elwood Byrd
- 14 Mabel Cash Lukas Wheeler
- Keelyn GochenourBob SimmonsHayes Thompson
- **16** Joseph Williams
- 17 Greg Thompson

- 22 Emerson Deitz Spencer Tuttle
- 24 Mac Beard Jan Hoover Lara Marcum
- 25 Ellen Moffett
- **26** Kitty Fitzgerald Jay Moffett
- 28 Mary Ann Hunt Page Hearn John Habel
- 31 Ann Gregory Clinton Shilling



Continue giving God's tithes and your offerings of faith as the work of ministry continues. Please send your offerings to: Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church

c/o Receiving Treasurer 30 Tinkling Spring Drive Fishersville, VA 22939

Page 9 Wednesday, September 1 12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline** Thursday, September 2 8:30 a.m. Young Adults Breakfast & Fellowship Kathy's Restaurant, Staunton Sunday, September 5 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Spiritual Gifts Ministry Meeting Kitchenette Monday, September 6 Church Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day Tuesday, September 7 1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting Workroom Wednesday, September 8 12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline** Friday, September 10 ECLC Grandparents Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Spring Hall Sunday, September 12, Genesis Sunday 9:00 a.m. Young Adults Gathering Chill Room MS & HS Youth Sunday School Youth Rooms 9:00 a.m. Worship With Communion 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Genesis Sunday Catered Luncheon Spring Hall 11:00 a.m. MS & HS Youth Kick Off 5:00 p.m. Pavilion 5:30 p.m. Congregational Care Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Session Room Monday, September 13 9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering Workroom 6:00 p.m. Adult & Children's C.E. Ministry Meeting Room 210 Tuesday, September 14 1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting Workroom 5:00 p.m. Loving Your Neighbor Class Spring Hall Wednesday, September 15 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline 2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary Sanctuary Thursday, September 16 TSPC Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 199:00 a.m.Young Adults Sunday SchoolChill Room9:00 a.m.MS & HS Youth Sunday SchoolYouth Rooms10:00 a.m.WorshipSanctuary4:30 p.m.All Youth GroupsYouth Rooms

Monday, September 208:00 a.m.Fun DaySpring Hall9:00 a.m.Weekly Staff Prayer GatheringWorkroom

Tuesday, September 211:30 p.m.Weekly Staff MeetingWorkroom5:00 p.m.Loving Your Neighbor ClassSpring HallWednesday, September 22

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline 2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary Sanctuary

Sunday, September 269:00 a.m.Young Adults Sunday SchoolChill Room9:00 a.m.MS & HS Youth Sunday SchoolYouth Rooms10:00 a.m.Worship/Gifts for Hunger OfferingSanctuary11:15 a.m.Confirmation ClassRoom 121

2:00 p.m. CROP Walk Ridgeview Park, Waynesboro 4:30 p.m. All Youth Groups Youth Rooms

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting Fellowship Hall **Monday, September 27**

9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering Workroom **Tuesday, September 28**

1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting Workroom
5:00 p.m. Loving Your Neighbor Class Spring Hall
Wednesday, September 29

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary Sanctuary

Thursday, September 30
5:00 p.m. Young Adults Gathering Seven Arrows Brewery

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