

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Appearances vs. Reality. This was a theme I had to write on in High School about the Shakespeare play, "Hamlet." The point of the essay was to discuss what things looked like to the observer and to contrast that with what was really happening in the story. In our current society, this phrase seems to be something that is difficult, indeed, to discern. Are what I see and hear what is real? As a child, I remember the newscaster, Walter Cronkite. He was the anchor on CBS evening news from 1962-1981, 19 years. According to Wikipedia, "he was often cited as 'the most trusted man in America' after being so named in an opinion poll." Imagine a news reporter being trustworthy. We don't have that kind of trust in the news media now! (of course, as I said, that came from Wikipedia and we all know you can't trust that!)

It is difficult to figure out what to believe in our political landscape. I do hope that we all check our sources and make sure that they have a history of reporting accurately. But this is not the point of this newsletter article. I want to talk about other kinds of appearances.

In the office at my house, when you walk into the room, the window looks only at the brick wall of the neighbor's garage. It is only about 10 feet away and seems like a pretty boring view. However, my desk is almost against the window. When I sit down at my desk and look out the window, I get a little different view. I can see the neighbor's front yard and standing in direct view is a beautiful statue of an angel. I can only see it from that one particular place in the room. This got me to thinking about what we see in our own lives. How many times are there angels just standing around the corner or somewhere else, unseen by us, but guiding us, nevertheless.

There are many verses in the Bible about angels watching out for us, Old Testament and New! I have a couple of favorites. Numbers 22 is the story of the prophet Balaam who was going to curse Israel. God sent an angel to protect the people of Israel – read the whole story Numbers 22-23. The part of the story that I like is that Balaam's donkey could see the angel, but Balaam couldn't. Balaam beat the donkey and eventually the donkey spoke to Balaam and told him about the angel with the drawn sword. Yes, the donkey spoke. And then Balaam could see the angel.

My other favorite verse is from Hebrew 13:2 "Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this, some have been hosts to angels without knowing it." Angels are around us, God's messengers, and protectors. We rarely see them; and if we do, we may not know it. Sometimes we can look at our lives and see only the brick walls that seem to be ahead, but that is only the appearance. God's angels are with us and that is the reality. In this world, when it is so difficult to know what is just an appearance and what is reality, we can trust that God's angels are watching over us ready to guide and protect even when we feel alone and lost.

With peace and hope,
Pastor Molly





August 2 Erika Connor
August 2 Cathy Sutherland
August 3 Mike Frame
August 4 Angel Ashdown
August 11 Nicholas Ashdown
August 13 Alexandra Myers
August 17 Kay Wade
August 20 Maggie Pihlblad
August 20 Dale Senn
August 23 Louise Boutwell
August 23 David Golando
August 24 Dominic Ashdown
August 25 Alexis Alexander
August 27 Anna Carlson
August 27 Conner Congdon
August 30 Oliver Benson

Notes from Session

(There was no meeting in July)

JUNE 2021

- ♦ Pulled pork dinner will be held on Saturday June 19 as a drive thru 11 am – 1 pm.
- ♦ Technology needs to be discussed – need people to help on Sundays.
- ♦ VBS Planned for August this summer.
- ♦ Concert planned by Carol Brown will be July 25.
- ♦ Music Sunday set for June 27.
- ♦ Church family event set for August 8.
- ♦ Approved purchase of 2 more portable air conditioners for Sanctuary.
- ♦ Outside Cross lights are back on.
- ♦ Personnel committee met with staff for mid-year reviews.

GOOD OL' SUMMERTIME

Fans humming,
Cooling the air
As from allergies
I sneeze.

Marinate the chicken,
Fire up the grill
Or,
Maybe barbecue
Will fit the bill.

A trip to the stand,
Pick out the best:
Strawberries, peaches,
Corn is a must,
Some other day for the rest.

There's nothing like
Ice cream
When sweaty and hot
To cool your brow,
It sure hits the spot!

Summer is great
For a vacation quest
To see other places,
Other people, too,
But home is really best!

Thank you, God
For the good ol' summertime!

Ann Dahl Luce 2021

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR AUGUST

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

August 1

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion— Nancy Pihlblad

August 8

Liturgist— Tom Wade
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

August 15

Liturgist— Cathy Sutherland
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

August 22

Liturgist— David Golando
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

August 29

Liturgist— Barry Shields
Sound—Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

September 5

Liturgist—Nancy Pihlblad
Sound—Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion—Connie Lockwood

Pray for our Mission Projects

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
UCAN

August 1, 2021

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8, 2021

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Our deepest sympathies for Mary Myers and her family in the loss of her brother, Bob Hutto.



A big welcome to Pastor Molly's new granddaughter! Cassidy Carmella Beyer was born on June 25, 2021, weighing in at 7lbs, 11oz. God Bless you sweet girl!



How lucky are we to have these beautiful ladies leading us in song during Worship Service? Thank you for all you do!

It's time for our Church Picnic!

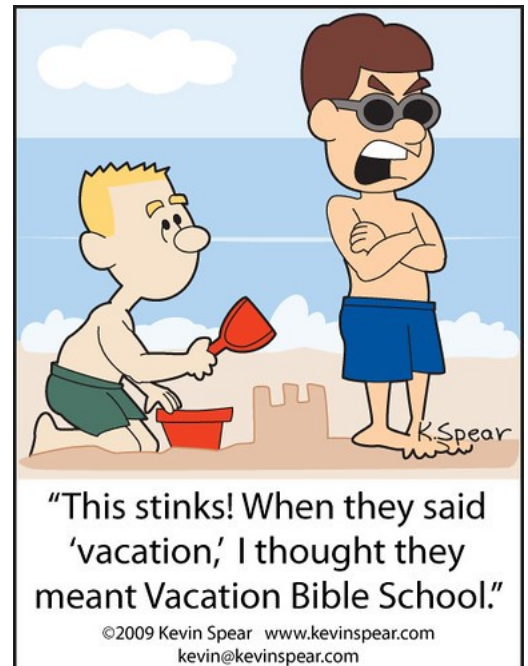
The picnic will be held on August 8th this year immediately following the Worship Service. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided and we ask you to please bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the Church Office to let us know how many of your family will be attending and what dish you'll be making. Bring your comfortable lawn chairs and table services also please. We'll have a relaxing afternoon of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is almost here. Climb aboard the Rocky Railway at St. Patrick's Church in Randolph from August 16th through August 20th. The fun is happening each day from 8:45am to 11:45am. Those eligible to attend must be entering the first grade through sixth grade. For more information, please visit our Facebook page, "Randolph Community VBS" or call 358-2991.

The decorating committee would like to borrow artificial Christmas trees, antiquated luggage, any train décor, and a toy train. They also ask you to save waxed, half-gallon milk or juice cartons and they are in need of some dowels. You can bring any of these items to the church office on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Thank you in advance!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Bob Hutto
Family of James Kelly
Family of Bill Schultz
Family of David Smith
Family of Cassie (Rhonda's friend)
Family of Pastor Molly's nephew , Zack, in loss of sister

Home Bound:

Remember with a call or visit :

Alice Stoddard
Ann Luce
Bob & Evelyn Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Those in quarantine

Health:

Alice Stoddard
Amber Anderson
Ann Luce
Audrey Wicks
Autumn (Marta's daughter)
Betty Brown
Bev Schelee
Bob & Sandy Chubon
Bob Dalbo
Brad Young
Byron Ashdown
Carol Brown

Health:

Carrie Congdon
Carrie R
Cheryl Farnham
David Dunbar
Congestive heart failure
David Warner Catherine's brother
Debbie O'Carroll
Connie Dalbo's sister
Debbie (Jim's Mom)
Derek Marsh leukemia
Donna Chubon
Gavin Larson surgery
Hazel DeAngelo stroke
Hunter Young cancer
James Berg cancer
Jamie Carpenter
Jason (stroke) David's friend
Jason
Jeff
Karen
Keith G. cancer

Health:

Linda Wilcox
Lori Linquist cancer
Madison
Mike (David's friend)
Marian Wade
Mike (David's friend)
Natalie Wade
Nick Kinney
Pastor Buck
Randolph Manor Residents
Reagan Smith
Rivera Family (lost all possessions in a fire)
Rob (heart attack)
Rosamond & Merle Flagg
Ryan B. (addictions)
Simon (Sean & Hannah)
Verna Miller
Westfield Presbyterian Church

Encouragement:

THE WHOLE WORLD

The country of India
Flooding in Europe
The Cuban People
Country of Haiti
Disaster Victims
Those struggling with the effects of the virus
Ruth & Dan McLaughlin
Care Givers
Police men and women
EMT's
Families dealing with Addictions
Prison Ministry (CCM)
Foster Care Parents/children
Dorcasse and family
Covid in the Olympics

Our Church:

Deacons & Elders
General Committees
Church Staff

Travelers:

Gregory Golando in South Africa
Daniel Pihlblad returning to India

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

(There was no meeting in July)


	JUNE 2021	Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$ 5,228.30	\$ 33,337.81
Total Receipts	\$ 5,071.00	\$ 38,199.80
Gain or (Loss)	(\$157.30)	\$ 4,861.99
Capital Improvement Fund		\$12,985.97
Driveway Fund		\$5,030.51





AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8PM AA	3	4	5 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	6	7
8  CHURCH PICNIC	9 8PM AA	10 SESSION MEETING 7PM	11	12 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	13	14
15 MISSION SUNDAY	16 VBS 8PM AA	17 VBS	18 VBS	19 VBS Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	20 VBS	21
21	22 8PM AA	23	24	25 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	26	27
28 CAPITAL SUNDAY	29 8PM AA	30	31			

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ♦ Pastor Molly will be on vacation from August 11th through September 1st.
- ♦ Karen will be out of the office on Tuesday, August 10th, but will be in the office on Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th.



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President—Reg Boutwell **V. President**—Kay Wade
Treasurer—Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Tom Wade
Mary Myers

CLASS OF 2023

Jim Roberts
Reg Boutwell
Connie Lockwood

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Marta Johnson
Kay Wade
Stacy Halla

CLASS OF 2023

Barry Shields
Carrie Congdon

STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.