

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

SEPTEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Beep, Beep... It's nearly time to hear the big yellow children catcher pull up at the doors of parents who are relieved, and teachers and children who are excited, nervous, sad and/or happy to be going back to school. Even for those of us unaffected by the school schedule, summer is a time to slow down, and relax.

When we flip the calendar to September, there is always a sense of getting back to work. The church is no different. By the time you get this newsletter, the choir will have already started practicing, plans for Sunday School are underway and the Worship and Music committee has set the schedule through December! As your pastor, I am looking forward to planning worship each week including some sermon series. As I begin to prepare, I need to look back to see where we have come from and where we are going.

For those of you who have faithfully read the newsletter during the past year, you will know that my themes have revolved around change. We have made a lot of changes during the past year:

1. Power point for worship service
2. Sunday School hours changed to before the worship service
3. Addition of guitars and contemporary songs each week.
4. Addition of an AED machine in narthex - take a look (soon to add an advanced first aid kit)
5. A mostly uncluttered church
6. Weekly emails from the church office
7. Children assisting in worship
8. A capital funds account established for the maintenance and update of the church

WOW!! We have made changes! Are there more changes ahead!!!!? We have a church that is welcoming, that is relatively up to date with basic technology, that appears mostly well kept, programs that appeal to all ages... I think we are in pretty good shape. I am proud of this church! You have learned over the past year that I am a little bit "out of the box" pastor. You have accepted and embraced many new ideas. This was extremely evident in the way we hosted VBS this summer. It was the best VBS I have ever been a part of and many children and adults were touched by the program.

Sooo... are there more changes in store? Probably! But the changes that I am hoping are ahead will be much more internal. The building and programs are ready to welcome everyone, but how ready are we to accept the stranger? I mean establishing a friendly relationship with our neighbors who don't "do Church." I challenge everyone to target one person or family who needs God (who doesn't?). Of course a goal can be to bring them into the church family. If you believe we have a wonderful place to worship and a loving church family, let's not keep this a secret. Do you remember the statistic I quoted a few Sundays ago, 82% of unchurched people are somewhat likely to come to church if invited... 82%! People are truly just waiting to be invited! However, the most important goal is to let them see the love of God in you. It is likely that they will want what you have, who wouldn't want to know why you are peaceful, loving, joyful and hopeful? Invite these friends to come in a non-threatening way and including them in the life of the church. You don't have to be a predator, just offer the invitation. And then, help them to become part of the church family if that is their wish. It might mean giving rides, mentoring them in "church" language, following through for many weeks or even months until they are established in their own relationship with God.

Matthew 25:37-40 "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

Let's learn how to really be the church, wherever we are.

With peace and hope

Pastor Molly



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1—

Liturgist— Barry Shields
Sound— Mary Myers

September 8— RALLY DAY

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood
Sound— Mary Myers
Communion Servers— Dan Pihlblad, Tom Wade,
Rosie Swan, Jim Roberts

September 15— MISSION SUNDAY

Liturgist— Ruth Wahl
Sound— Mike Frame

September 22—

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad
Sound— Mike Frame

September 29—

Liturgist— Stacy Halla
Sound— Mary Myers

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

October 6 — WORLD COMMUNION

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad
Sound— Mike Frame
Communion Servers— Tom Wade, Andrew Pihlblad,
Dan Pihlblad, Mary Myers



TO OUR SEPTEMBER CELEBRANTS

September 1	Autumn Hill
September 2	Kara (McLaughlin) Benson
September 6	Marta Johnson
September 9	Catherine Alexander
September 10	James Halla
September 11	Donna Chubon
September 13	Ezra Zollinger Iris Zollinger
September 14	Dayshia Ashdown
September 20	Jeff Greeley Reagan Lewis
September 22	Chelsea Connor
September 23	Alan Johnson

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

The ladies of Grace Episcopal will be the hostesses for the Women's Breakfast this month. It will be on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and share the fellowship.



like UPCR ON FACEBOOK!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKET FOR THE “FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT” QUILT (55” X 67”) RAFFLE

QUILT MADE BY CONNIE LOCKWOOD,

**DRAWING —
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

AT LORD'S ACRE
NOON



Are You Seeing 20/20 for 2020? UPCR Goal Setting, September 29 immediately After Worship

Many of us wear glasses, in fact most of us over the age of 40 need them to see 20/20. Good vision is important to be able to function well in the world. It is the same for the church. We need to have good vision to be able to perform the work that God has laid before us.

Last fall we as the church family developed 3 goals to be the vision of the church for 2019. It is now time for us to assess what we have accomplished and to establish new visionary goals for 2020.

Here are the questions we will be discussing.

1. How did we do on last year's goals? (review goals and accomplishments)
2. What do we need to continue/improve for 2020?
3. What are the biggest needs for the church and community?
4. What are your dreams for the future – short term/long term?

As we come together, this will be a time of listening to each other and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as we work these questions into goals.



We will work on creating SMART goals. This acronym means: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time bound. The achievements in the congregation have happened only because there was a plan and action to work together. We can attain great things within God's plan as we come together to set new goals. All are welcome – member and non members alike – anyone who wants to be a part of UPCR into the future.

Goal setting is a creative process and does need time. Please plan to stay until 2:00 pm. Children will be encouraged to be a part of the goal setting. Lunch plans have not been finalized, but there will be food! For children too young to participate, childcare will be provided.



ADDRESS UPDATES NEEDED

Our "kids" are heading back to school. Some are just down the street while others have packed up and gone off to college.

If yours are away please be sure to let the office know their new/school address AND/OR EMAIL

We want to make sure that we can stay in touch with them while they are away. Also if they have an e-mail address we would be glad to add that to our news list also.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,
 CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
 OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 JOIN US FOR OUR FALL
 KICK OFF WITH BREAKFAST!!



**SERVING BREAKFAST FROM
 8:00 — 9:15 AM
 COME ANYTIME DURING SERVING TIME**

8:30 a.m.—9:25 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:00 a. m. the Adult Bible class (Library)
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for choir and anyone else
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP

**Don't Come to Church to See
 the Pastor
 on Tuesday
 September 3!**



Because the pastor won't be here! Starting in September, Pastor Molly will be moving her office hours to Thursdays. She has gladly taken on the responsibility of babysitting her new granddaughter on Mondays and Tuesdays. Pastor Molly will still be available by phone always for emergencies and time sensitive information.

SOOOO... Make sure to mark your calendars. Please stop in any Thursday for a visit. Pastor Molly is always glad to see you!

With Sympathy to the
 family and friends of
 Jay Ashdown



PRAYER CONCERNS

Health:

Anita C
 Aurora B
 Bob S
 Bob & Sandy C
 Brad Y
 Carl B
 Carrie C
 Carol P
 Catherine S
 Cheryl F
 Cindy H cancer
 Chloe C
 Dan B
 Dan E heart attack
 David R. M
 David S cancer
 Debbie M
 Debbie (Jim's Mom)
 Derek M leukemia
 Dick A
 Donna C
 Eli – new born
 Eileen N
 Fletcher
 Gabriel
 Gene J
 Howard VanR
 James B cancer
 Jamie C
 Jason
 Jeff
 Judy St heart
 Justin
 Katherine (Michelle's mom)
 Kay A
 Keith G. cancer
 Keith A
 Laurel P cancer
 Linda W



Logan
 Madison
 Maureen K
 Merle F
 Nick K
 Pat k
 Pat (Jill's step Mom)
 Richard J
 Robert R
 Ron B lung cancer
 Rosamond F
 Scott J
 Sharon
 Sue L. kidney
 Syd E
 Tim A
 Tracy H cancer
 Verna M – new born

Encouragement:

Those rebuilding from disasters
 Teri N
 The country of Haiti
 Haitian Sewing Women
 Ruth & Dan M
 care Givers
 EMT's
 Families dealing with addictions
 Prison Ministry (CCM)
 Foster Care Parents/children

Home Bound:

(remember with a call or visit)

Charlene A
 Alice Stoddard
 Bob & Evelyn W

ANNUAL LORD'S ACRE SEPTEMBER 28

The harvest is in and now it is time to bring your produce and other items to Lord's Acre on **September 28. NOTE DATE CHANGE**



The sale goes from **9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.**

Lots of homemade bake goods, home canned goods

and of course lots and lots of **fresh produce**

from local gardens and our own community garden.

Remember to invite your friends to come with you.

See you there, Saturday, September 28.



VBS 2019



Lectionary for Sundays

SEPTEMBER 2019

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost —September 1

Jeremiah 2:4–13
Psalm 81:1, 10–16
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16
Luke 14:1, 7–14

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost —September 8

Jeremiah 18:1–11
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–33

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost —September 15

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12–17
Luke 15:1–10

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost —September 22

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1
Psalm 79:1–9
1 Timothy 2:1–7
Luke 16:1–13

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost —September 29

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16
1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

FOLLOW UPCR ON FACEBOOK!

You don't need a personal Facebook account to follow UPCR on Facebook. All you need to do is go to www.facebook.com/upcrandolphny to keep up with the latest posts about what's happening and upcoming events at UPCR. It's an easy way to stay current about important UPCR events. Try it – you might like it!

Emergency Preparedness

September is Emergency Preparedness Month. Disaster can strike anyone, anywhere at any time. Natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, ice storms and earthquakes often wreak havoc on large areas. Man-made disasters such as chemical spills, explosions and plane crashes affect smaller areas but often require emergency evacuations that can last a week or more.

Sadly, experience shows that when disaster strikes, many households are totally unprepared for either being without utilities and services, or, an emergency evacuation for multiple days.

Being unprepared means, at the very least, risking considerable discomfort for multiple days, and at the very worst, risking your health and even death.

Emergency officials urge that every household should at least be prepared for:

1. Being stranded at home without utilities for 3 to 5 days.
2. Having to evacuate within 5 minutes and not return for at least 72 hours.
3. Being stranded overnight in a vehicle.

Guidelines and checklists for emergency plans and emergency kits are available from a number of sources such as:

www.ready.gov/home
www.redcross.org/prepare

Be sure your household has plans and kits for coping with emergencies. BE PREPARED!



Calling all the song birds of our church family
**THE CHOIR IS BACK! JOIN THEM—
SUNDAY PRACTICE AT 8:30 a.m.**

Thank You

The following notes came to the church:

August 2019

Dear Friends at United Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for the very generous gift you gave our family. We are overwhelmed by the support we have received from our community. Thank you also for every prayer lifted up for us. I'm truly convinced that those answered prayers are the reason I was able to recover as I did. Your church and church family are a blessing to our community.

Love, Pat Kibbe

RUPC

Thank you all for your food donations for the luncheon after Jay's service. The service was wonderful. Thank you all for your continued prayers and for always thinking of us.

All our love, The Ashdown family
Kim, Brianna, Jalynn, Andrew, Nicholas, Raelynn & Dominic

MILITARY PERSONNEL MEN AND WOMEN

Remember them with a card or note though-out the year.

Mike Fleischmann: Michael C. & Candy Fleischmann
3801 Barbed Wire Drive
Killeen, TX 76549-3955

Aaron Wellman Major Aaron & Jacki Wellman
67 Bertram Blvd.
Stafford, VA 22556

Erin Connor Erin Connor/Matt Kinahan
Matt Kinahan PSC 3 Box 7036
APO AP 96266

Erik Connor Erik & Maggie Connor
6448 Lionheart Park
San Antonio, TX 78240

O PRECIOUS SUMMER

O Precious summer,
The calendar says
You're on your way out!
Slow down a little;
Stick around a while;
We know what's coming.



Autumn sucks us in
With its beautiful colors.
Hazy days
Bring order to our lives
Torn apart
By willy-nilly summer.



Once fall has prepared us,
Along comes winter:
Jolly for kids
With sliding, skating, skiing.
We love Thanksgiving
And Christmas—our joy!



So, precious summer
Slow down a little.
Let us savor
Your waning days,
Ease us into
Glorious autumn!

Ann Dahl Luce 2019



Olean Rotary Club

2019 Mum Sale!

Plants are \$15.00 each.

*To Place an order call the church office
358-4255 or see Mary Myers.*

Colors-:

Red, ,white, yellow, purple, bronze,

Sale Ends September 8th

Delivery will be on September 19 th

*Project supports youth programs in
Cattaraugus County.*

Thanks for your support

Tony Evans

**General Fund Treasurer's Notes
2019**

June and July

Total Receipts	\$ 7,884.00	\$ 4,649.50
Total Expenses	\$ 6,203.20	\$ 6,955.51
Gain or (Loss)	\$ 1,680.80	(\$2,306.01)
Gain or (Loss) year to date	(\$9,949.96)	
In investments	\$70,231.51	
Capital Fund	\$13,667.91	
Paying Forward Fund	\$ 807.05	

For further information ask a member of session or the treasurer, Reg Boutwell.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 19**

**NOTES FROM SESSION
AUGUST**

- * Next Capital Fund Sunday is on September 29.
- * Several new areas have been de-cluttered. Next to be worked on are the kitchens, the nursery and small room by the library.
- * There are some fall cleaning spots that need to be done.
- * New Church Secretary application deadline is August 31.
- * Defibrillator has arrived and Dan Pihlblad will arrange to have it hung. Then all will be instructed how to use it.
- * New and improved first aid kits will be by the defibrillator.
- * Mission Trip to Pittsburg or Cleveland is being planned.
- * September 8 will be baptism.
- * Goal setting meeting for the whole church will be September 29.
- * Election of 2020 officers will be on November 17.
- * Session meetings moving to the first Thursday of the month beginning in October.
- * Building evacuation drill set for October.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS &
HOMECANNERS**

Your help is needed for the Deacons Lord's Acre. Baked goods are always a big hit that day. To help the Deacons we are putting out a sign up sheet to let them know who will be bringing items. They can also use your home canned items like relish, pickles, applesauce, etc.



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RANDOLPH



SEPTEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Choir 10:00 Morning Worship	2 LABOR DAY 8:00 pm AA	3 School Starts	4	5 PASTOR 9—NOON	6	7
8 RALLY DAY 8-9:15 Breakfast 8:30 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Morning Worship 1:00 knitting group	9 8:00 pm AA	10 7 pm Session	11	12 PASTOR 9—NOON	13	14 9:00 am Women's Community Prayer at Grace Epic
15 8:30 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Morning Worship MISSION SUNDAY	16 8:00 pm AA	17	18	19 PASTOR 9—NOON	20	21 10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering Springville
22 8:30 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Morning Worship 1:00 knitting group	23 8:00 pm AA	24	25	26 PASTOR 9—NOON	27	28 Lord's Acre 9:00-1:00 Drawing for Quilt noon
29 8:30 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Morning Worship CAPITAL FUND SUNDAY	30 8:00 pm AA					



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September 2019



September 8

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

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

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2019

Jim Roberts
 Andrew Pihlblad
 Rosie Swan

CLASS OF 2020

Dan Pihlblad
 Mike Frame

CLASS OF 2021

Tom Wade
 Mary Myers

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019

Connie Lockwood
 Bettie Alexander

CLASS OF 2020

James Ashdown
 Louise Boutwell

CLASS OF 2021

Donna Chubon
 Kay Wade
 Marta Johnson

STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist

CHURCH SECRETARY—Mary Myers

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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.