

We love because  
He first loved us.



## Birthdays

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Austin Ramsey Jennifer Hildreth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Reed
13 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Potter
15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Potter
17 <sup>th</sup>	Chase Potter
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hayden Fontenot
26 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Hatcher Leigh Mayo
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bert O'Neal Lynne Black

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
PLEASE HELP OUR  
YOUTH RECOGNIZE THIS  
ANNUAL TRADITION OF  
FILLING A BAG AND  
RETURNING TO THE  
PULPIT**

As we welcome the month of February we also welcome our new Minister. You will read about him on the next page in a beautifully written article by Tammy Hamilton. Below you will find a few tidbits from our devoted and dedicated Pastor Nominating Committee who found our new leader, Rev. Kevin Channell.

CPC not only stands for **Collierstown Presbyterian Church** but another term would be:

- Congregation:
  - Provide Pastoral Care
  - Engage our youth
  - Engage with our congregation
- Preach
  - Bible based teachings
- Community
  - Participate in our community activities

### What the PNC asks of the congregation:

- The Congregation agrees the minister will be the church's spiritual leader and moderator. Additionally, the congregation **agrees to:**
- Share in visitation and support the work of the church.
- Strengthen and support Christian education.
- Keep the minister informed on congregational and community needs.
- Be responsive to the needs of the minister and his family.
- Actively recruit more participation by members of the church who do not attend regularly.
- Participate in the total program of the church.
- Welcome visitors and participate in efforts to maintain contact with them.
- Work with the minister to develop a meaningful stewardship program.
- To pray with and for the Pastor and family.
- Actively recruit new church members.

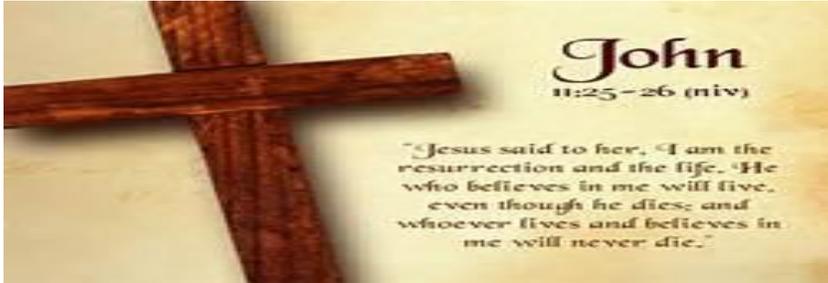
**Please join us on February 4<sup>th</sup> as Kevin will lead our worship service**

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### Meet our new Pastor:



The Rev. Kevin Chanell joins us Feb. 1 as minister of the Word and Sacrament. Kevin comes to us by way of West Virginia and from Keswick where he has been ministering at South Plains Presbyterian Church. The Pastor Nominating Committee pored through 280 pastor information forms and seriously considered three candidates. "God led us to Kevin," said Nancy Catlett, PNC member. "We found him to be compassionate, candid, personable and Godly." Kevin said he was drawn to CPC because of its community ties. "I love that CPC seems to be a central and integral part of the Effinger community through different ecumenical activities," Kevin said. He grew up in a similar church community, where churches of different traditions worked together to fill a need. After high school, Kevin joined the U.S. Air Force. Once stationed on Okinawa, he said he began to feel God moving in his life. He started attending a missionary Baptist church on the island, and was overwhelmed by the call to enter ministry. After his discharge, he entered West Virginia Wesleyan and met his wife Molly working at Bluestone Camp and Conference Center in Hinton, WV. After graduation, he entered Union Theological Seminary and graduated in 1989. During seminary, Kevin and Molly passed through the Rockbridge area to visit Molly's mom near Charleston, WV. Kevin served churches in Petersburg, WV, Waynesboro (when they camped at Natural Bridge), Scott Depot, WV; Huron, SD and Butler, PA, before serving South Plains. "During my years of ministry," Kevin said, "I have experienced a deep sense of the Holy Spirit's presence in my life. I have felt truly blessed having taken this journey with God. I cannot imagine have done anything else." Nancy added, "We feel his experiences throughout his life will enable him to reach out to ALL members of the community and help our church grow. His humor, belly laugh and friendliness will appeal to all ages. All members of the committee unanimously agreed to call him as our pastor." Kevin and Molly have two grown daughters, Melinda and Ashley. They enjoy playing cards and other games, watching movies, reading, and spending time together. They answer to Bailey, a Pomeranian mix and Marigold the Cat. They are the proud grandparents of three cats, one dog, and one turtle. Kevin enjoys spending time with people, getting to know their life stories, preaching and teaching the Word of God, watching people grow in their faith, and cheering on the WV Mountaineers, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Washington Redskins. The PNC is made up of Alec Wilder, chairman, Nancy Catlett, Billy Cummings, Ruth Ann Hildreth, Shelley Martin, Reese McCormick and Karey Ramsey. Please take time to thank them.

Written by Tammy Hamilton

## Fellowship of the Least Coin

In 1956 Shanti Solomon of India was a member of a team of women representing the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA). They traveled to a number of Asian countries dealing with the aftermath of World War II. Their mission was to further peace and reconciliation with the people still suffering from the wages of war. From that experience Solomon realized the need to bring reconciliation in a divided world and the importance of creating an awareness of belonging to a worldwide fellowship of faith even among women who would never travel to other countries. In that spirit, the Fellowship of the Least Coin was founded in 1957.

In the six decades since, the Fellowship of the Least Coin has become a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice, and reconciliation. FLC's mission is to remind Christian women to live reconciled and forgiving lives with each other. Participants offer their prayers with the gift of the least coin of their culture which is the gift of a penny for American women. Giving the culture's least coin places all women on the same economic level. Funds that have resulted from these gifts have been distributed in the form of grants to individual projects, church conferences and organizations, women's programs, scholarship for young women, and emergency grants for disaster relief.

The women who are members of the Collierstown C & F and Night Circles are a part of the Fellowship of the Least Coin as are many Presbyterian Women in our denomination. In 2017 four grants of \$5000 each were given by FLC to programs in Canada and the United States. CPC women wishing to become a part of FLC should contact Circle Chairmen, Mary Jarvis or Debbie McCormick, for more information. Your participation in this fellowship will be a blessing for many.



**IN THE EVENT OF INCLIMATE WEATHER AND SERVICES ARE CANCELLED YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY YOUR ELDER SHEPHERD**



CPC IN A BLANKET OF SNOW

## **BLANKET SUNDAY WRAPS UP A RECORD!**

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank all those who supported the annual Blanket Sunday initiative. A total of \$900 was given making it possible to purchase ninety (90!!) blankets, fifteen more than the PW goal. These blankets will be distributed by Church World Service to needy people living in the United States and around the world. Your help in surpassing this goal is greatly appreciated. Thanks CPC for making a blanket's possibilities a reality for so many!

*Debbie McCormick, PW Special Offerings  
Chairman*

## 2018 CPC PRAYER CHAIN

Rev. Channell  
CPC 463-5918

Hilda Morris: 463-5543, 570-0787

Nellie Leech: 463-4129, 570-3318

Haven Nicely: 463-3459

Pat Deacon: 463-6116

Frances Ruley: 463-4844, 461-2041

Janet Scott: 463-5214, 570-0377

Debbie McCormick: 463-7652, 460-1325

Alisa Cummings: 463-3749, 460-8808

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**Once the prayer requests proceed through the chain at the end Donna will send out an email from the CPC secretary office email address.**

Weekly Bulletin deadline is 9 a.m. Thursday.  
Newsletter deadline is 12 p.m.  
on the 21st of the month.