



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Don't the warmth and the green and the longer daylight hours of spring feel good? (Notice, however, that the pollen is not on that list!) As we peak our weary heads out from under the long two years of lockdown, there is a growing sense that we can actually make plans and do things and not have to worry about last-minute cancellations.

As evidence of our new freedom, I encourage you to spend some time on the report of the Mission Team and it's committees in this newsletter. That's where the story is this month, and it's really quite breathtaking to realize how much has been going on this spring, and how much is in the works for summer and fall. It is encouraging and inspiring - and the many folks who make it all happy deserve a big round of thanks.

As we move into the summer, I hope that each of us finds some ways to get back to normal in everything that we do. Let's enjoy it - we are ready to be here!

Blessings, Elliott



# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Sam McCord will have surgery this Friday, April 29th to remove his lung cancer. Please pray for a successful surgery.
- R.L. Jenkins committed suicide last week. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time. (Ann Miller & Kathryn McCulloh's brother, Ashley Kenley's uncle)
- Melanie Johnston fell last week and spent time in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kathy Goodnight needs prayers as she starts treatment for cancer. (Dina Salvo's friend)
- Madge Hopkins' cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers. (Woodland Presbyterian)
- Eddie Chapman is continuing to improve from his knee replacement surgery.
- Thelma Tomlinson's cancer has returned and she also had a serious fall that broke her arm.
- Dave Prestwood has gotten word that his grandmother from Ukraine is now safely in Poland.
- Lillian Joy passed away on 4/9/22. Please pray for the family at this time. (Aunt of Vickie Joy & Joy Tyler)
- Bertha Ellis fell on April 12th and is now in rehab. (Cheryl Ellis' mother)
- Doris Harrington is still in rehab.
- Vernie Smith passed away on 4/2/22. Her funeral was on 4/12/22.
- Tom Biggers passed away yesterday after suffering several heart attacks and going into a coma. Please pray for the family at this time. (Larry Ramsey's former classmate)
- Elaine Ferguson has been diagnosed with Merkle Cell Carcinoma, a rare & aggressive skin cancer. Please pray for healing, peace and comfort. (Jan Chapman's friend & neighbor)
- Betsy Killian Huneycutt still needs our prayers. Please pray that she regains her strength.

## Celebrations:

- Congratulations to Nick & Kelly McGee on the birth of their son, Walker Lee McGee on April 5, 2022!
- Kelly Murphy received BSA Scout Leader of the Year for Mecklenburg County Council.
- Malinda Cobb received BSA Life Time Achievement Award for Mecklenburg County Council.

# Church Calendar

## Thursday, April 28

\*Newsletter  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)

## Sunday, May 1

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

## Monday, May 2

6:30pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, May 3

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, May 4

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 5

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)

## Sunday, May 8

### **\*Mother's Day**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

## Monday, May 9

6:30pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, May 10

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, May 11

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 12

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)

## Sunday, May 15

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

## Monday, May 16

6:30pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, May 17

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, May 18

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 19

### **\*Church Office Closed**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)  
6:30pm Stated Session Mtg.

## Saturday, May 21

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, May 22

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

## Monday, May 23

6:30pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, May 24

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, May 25

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 26

\*Newsletter  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)

## Sunday, May 29

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

## Monday, May 30

### **\*Church Office Closed - Memorial Day**

## Tuesday, May 31

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

# Mission Team

The member organizations of the Mission Team have been busy! Here are some updates and reminders to let everyone know what they have been up to:

## ***Congregational Care Committee***

Easter baskets were delivered to all our Special Friends; look for a Spotlight on one of the Special Friends each month in the newsletter\*

Paw Creek is now offering light refreshments for receptions after funerals and memorial services at the church - this will be more manageable for our team of dedicated volunteers than providing a full meal to the family

## ***Christian Education Committee***

Children Connecting With Christ (CCC) has continued throughout the pandemic with weekly virtual meetings for both younger and older children from our neighboring community. The program is ready to move back in person starting this summer:

CCC Lunch and Field Trip to the Schiele Nature Museum in Gastonia for kids and families on Sunday, **May 15**

CCC older kids Mission Trip later in the summer

Regular in-person weeknight meetings resuming in the fall

There is now a CCC Steering Committee to oversee arrangements, weekly meals and volunteers, and to secure new leadership for the program for the fall

## Upcoming Sunday school dates:

May 22	Graduation Sunday to recognize High School and College seniors*
May 29	Fifth Sunday - combined classes meet in the CFC with breakfast provided*
June 5	Pentecost Sunday - no Sunday school classes
June 12 - August 28	Summer combined classes (details and curriculum to be announced)

## ***Fellowship Committee***

Winter events included Fifth Sunday breakfasts and a Farewell reception for Patrick McCarthy on April 10

The Annual Pentecost Luncheon with Woodland Presbyterian Church on **June 5** will revert to our traditional covered dish format

## ***Outreach Committee***

Paw Creek participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Coulwood Park on April 16, along with Coulwood Association and Renovatus Church. With help from the Christian Education and Fellowship committees, we provided a craft area where kids could make "pop-up" Easter Cards and tissue paper stained glass windows.

The committee directed a gift from the Mission Fund to supplement congregational gifts for humanitarian relief in Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Relief. They are also researching support for the newly formed West Mecklenburg High School Alumni Association, which is raising funds to support special projects for students and staff\*

### ***Presbyterian Women***

Presbyterian Women's Sunday will take place on May 8. Seminary student Victoria Krebs will preach. The PW will also present the 2022 Life Membership award and collect the annual Birthday Offering to support mission projects

Applications are now being received for higher education scholarships; all college students received gift cards this spring to help fuel study breaks during exam season\*

The Ecumenical Women's Luncheon had to be cancelled again this year - look for it to resume in early 2023\*

### ***Reading Program - Woodland and Paw Creek Churches***

The Reading Program will conclude its very successful first year on May 25 with a celebration and meal for kids, families, volunteers and guests from the faculty of Paw Creek Elementary School

The Program will operate a two-week summer enrichment event **August 8-18**

Plans are underway to welcome a new crop of second graders in the fall

### ***Worship Committee***

Many thanks to members, choir and staff for the special services, music and decorations of Holy Week and Easter

The committee is participating with the Administration Committee in the search for a new Music Director. The committee has received a number of promising resumes, and will begin interviewing candidates in the first week of May. After the field is narrowed down, finalist will be invited to lead the choir in a rehearsal prior to a final decision

\* More information throughout the Newsletter

## **Recently Completed Projects by the Property Committee**

- Reinstalled the pieces of Vinyl Soffit on the that had fallen off of Scout Hut
- Reinstalled the Aluminum Soffit piece that had fallen off of the East Wing
- Stripped, prepped, and painted the 2 Columns at the far end of the West Wing.
- Prepped and Painted (6) Doors, both West Wing Entry/Exit Doors, both Sanctuary Side Doors, East Wing Office Door and East Wing Double Doors.
- Installed Kick Plates on the standard width doors. ( will order the oversize kick plates)
- Evaluated and reattached all loose Soffit Trim around the entire Church on both wings.
- Removed Gutter Section over the East Wing Office Entrance, replaced rotten facial boards, reinstalled gutter.
- Cleaned out all gutters across front of East Wing.



## Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 22, we will be recognizing our 2022 high school and college graduates during the 11:00 church service. Students being honored are:

### High School Graduates:

**Autumn Ballenger** - South Point in Belmont

**Anastasia Hamby** - Mountain Island Charter in Charlotte

After the service we will have a cookies and lemonade reception for our graduates on the front lawn.



## PW Scholarships

PW Scholarships are available for young adults who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in 2022. You may apply two times for the PW scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based according to the number of applications and funds available each year. Please contact Celia Gray at [celia@tcgracing.com](mailto:celia@tcgracing.com) or 704-756-9697 for more information.

Applications are available on the Church website under Ministries > Youth Ministry, or in the Church Office. Deadline for submissions is **June 30, 2022**.

(You can also click the link below for the application)

[https://www.pawcreekpc.org/hp\\_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PCPW-Scholarship-Application.pdf](https://www.pawcreekpc.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PCPW-Scholarship-Application.pdf)



## Happy Hearts

**Save the date!**

The Happy Hearts group for active seniors will hold its first post-Covid meeting on Wednesday, **June 1**. Street car ride & Lunch. Details will follow closer to the date.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Sunday School Class Celebration!

On Sunday, **May 29**, there will be a Combined Sunday School Class Celebration in the CFC.

Adults and children will gather for a:

Fellowship Breakfast **9:00-9:30**

Prayer Requests **9:30-9:45**

Elliott Hipp will bring a message to our combined class, and we will Celebrate our Year **9:45-10:30**



## Ten Cents a Meal

The monthly offering is now back on its regular schedule to be received on the first Sunday of each month. Come forward during the second hymn to place offerings in the baskets. Our gifts are combined with those from churches throughout the Presbytery of Charlotte to provide more than \$200,000 in hunger relief to our local neighbors each year.

## West Mecklenburg High School

The poster for the Community Yard Sale features a large hawk logo in the center. The hawk is depicted in flight, facing right, with its wings spread. The text "COMMUNITY YARD SALE" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font above the hawk. Below the hawk, the text "HAWKS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY" is written in a large, stylized, black font. To the left of the hawk, the text "BUY, SELL or DONATE" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with "or DONATE" in a smaller font. Below this text is the phrase "Reserve your tables today!". To the right of the hawk, the text "When: Saturday, May 7, 2022" is written in a black, sans-serif font, followed by "permitting good weather" in a smaller font, "Time: 8am-2pm" in a black, sans-serif font, and "Where: Bus Parking Lot" in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "To get more information, scan here." is written in a black, sans-serif font, followed by a QR code.



## Presbyterian Women

We will be having our last Circle Meeting for 2022 on Saturday, **May 7th @ 9:30** in the morning. This will be a joint Circle Meeting, held in the CFC dining room. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast, install officers for the 2022-2023 year, and enjoy our last lesson presented by Teresa Painter. Please come and enjoy wonderful fellowship and share stories of remarkable and resourceful women who, because of their faith, were able to be strong and resilient when they were tested!

See you soon! ~Karen Turner

As the 2021-2022 PCPW year comes closer to a conclusion in May, we are very thankful to have been able to meet in our Circle groups to share God's word and be with dear friends.

We are now met with the opportunity and the challenge of completing a slate of officers for our 2022-2023 Coordinating Team. Please prayerfully consider being an essential part of this team. If you are able to serve on Special Givings or as Co-Moderator you would help meet a critical need, and we would welcome you with open arms!

Moderator - Karen Turner

Secretary - Donna Hall

Historian - Dina Salvo

AM Circle Chairman - Gerri Ann Shaw

Back Pack Buddies - Jane McArver

Co-Moderator-

Treasurer - Melissa Mullis

Special Givings -

PM Circle Chairman - Dina Salvo

Thankfully, ~Karen Turner, Moderator

## PW Ecumenical Luncheon

The Coordinating Team for PCPW met recently. Because of the newest wave of the Coronavirus, we have regretfully decided that it remains unsafe to move forward with our Ecumenical Luncheon for 2022. We know that the virus will soon be a part of our past, and that next year we will be able to meet in the spirit of joyous celebration once again. We appreciate your patience and your loyalty as we persist in our efforts to share God's word and His deep impact on our lives.

Warmly, ~Karen Turner, Moderator PCPW



## Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions group will meet again on **Saturday, May 21st**, at 10:30 in the Church Parlor.

Hope to See You There!!



Paw Creek Presbyterian Church,

We can't express enough appreciation for selecting our school to partner with for the reading program. We are thrilled to report that all students in the program have made significant growth from the start of the program to the middle of the year! We know that it's in part of the work your volunteers/staff are doing. Again, We just wanted you to know how much of an impact you're having and how thankful we are to have this success!

Sincerely,

Principal Belton & Paw Creek Family

*Thank You!*

Paw Creek,

Thank you so much for your service to RITI this season! Despite COVID challenges, your teams committed to sharing God's love through fellowship, hot meals, & warm shelter. Neighbors consistently complimented on how volunteers went above & beyond to make them feel welcomed.

Thank you,  
Ashley Brown  
Room in the Inn

## Christmas in Paw Creek Arts and Crafts Fair

*Sponsored by Troop 70*



Saturday, **November 19**, 2022

8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—Christian Fellowship Center

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481

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## Spotlight On Our Special Friend Marie Love

Marie Wyke Love was born in Catawba County (Newton and Statesville area) in the same house where her Dad was born. Marie graduated from high school on April 25, 1940, the year after they got electricity in their house.

Marie married Bob Love on December 20, 1967, and she and Bob joined Paw Creek soon thereafter. Bob had two daughters, and they became daughters to Marie as well. Marie says there was no “step” to it!

Marie loved to do anything Bob was doing and enjoyed cooking for him, and she says Bob treated her like royalty. They traveled through every U.S. state together in their travel trailer, except Michigan (and Hawaii, of course, but they flew to Hawaii)! They also spent time during two summers in Alaska. At Paw Creek, she loved her circle group and does not recall ever missing a circle gathering. She and Bob liked to sit in the back on the right side.

Bob and Marie moved to Scotia Village in Laurinburg in 2014, to be near Deborah Hobbs (one of Bob’s daughters) and her husband, Wayne, who take great care of Marie. They enjoyed their apartment living at Scotia Village until both of them contracted Covid. Bob died in January 2021, at which time Marie moved into another section at Scotia Village to receive more care.

Marie is 99 years young and remains so vibrant and talkative. Her memory is unmatched, with remembering dates like the day she graduated, among other dates! She misses Paw Creek so much.

Marie’s address is: c/o Deborah Hobbs, 12421 Old Farm Circle, Laurinburg, NC 28352 (goes to Deborah, who delivers it to her to make sure it gets to her room), and Marie’s direct telephone number is 910-361-4339. Marie still enjoys phone conversations and would love to hear from you!





## Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in May!

### May 1

Sarah Kendrick

### May 11

Rennie Auten  
Kathryn McCulloh

### May 18

Joy Tyler

### May 5

Joe Troutman  
Tyler Vaughn

### May 12

Thelma Tomlinson  
Tina Tyler

### May 23

Tara Normand

### May 6

Mica Wallace

### May 13

Clark Edwards  
Jana Joy  
Jesse Longshore

### May 24

Nicole Joy  
Jan McClure  
Linda Riggins

### May 7

Teresa Painter

### May 14

Isabelle McClure  
Jessica Reel

### May 29

Lillian Nixon

### May 8

Stephen Mullis

### May 16

Ashley Gross  
Carol McNeill

### May 30

Cherese Cashion  
Barbara Ullem

### May 10

Veronica Cannon  
Jaycie Loud

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**Seek**..... Matthew 6:33  
**Serve** ..... 1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**..... Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**.....1 John 4:12

*Lord, we thank you for...*

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

**Know someone Who Needs a Visit?** Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

**Next Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be **May 26th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Tuesday, May 24th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in June. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! **Kim**

**Upcoming Sermon Titles**

**Sunday, May 1**

*Third Sunday of Easter  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Acts 9: 1-20  
"Who Are You Lord?"*

**Sunday, May 8**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Presbyterian Women's Sunday  
Guest Preacher—Victoria Krebs  
Matthew 23: 37-39*

**Sunday, May 15**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 11: 1-18  
"What God Makes Clean"*

**Sunday, May 22**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Graduation Sunday  
John 5: 1-9  
"Stirring Up Trouble"*

**Sunday, May 29**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
John 14: 23-29  
"The Peace of Christ"*