



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

There's a burst of final activity going on as we rush toward the end of spring!

Here at church, our regular Sunday school classes and Wednesday Bible Study are wrapping up for the season. So is the marvelously successful Woodland-Paw Creek Reading Program, which just ended its inaugural school year with a celebration for more than 70 people on Wednesday night. Pandemic restrictions are going by the wayside with Happy Hearts back on the road (the railroad, in this case!) and a full-scale Woodland-Paw Creek Pentecost celebration including music, dance and lots of eating.

But after all that, the summer will bring a welcome slowing down. That's something else we lost in the past couple of years - the ebb and flow of life and seasons. "To everything there is a season" says the old preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes. The way God has crafted us, we thrive not in sameness but in variety. Won't you join me to welcome a new season and that it has to offer?

Blessings, Elliott



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday. **June 5th** is Pentecost Sunday and we will have a covered dish luncheon after service with Woodland Church. Meats and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish or two to share. If you have any questions, please contact Sam McCord. Look forward to seeing you there!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Sarah Cox had surgery on May 16th to remove her gall bladder. Please continue to pray for quick healing. She is home now recovering.
- Ann Cashion asked for prayers for her nephew in ND who is having health issues.
- Kathryn McCulloh is in Huntersville Hospital. Please pray for healing.
- Please pray for the family of Dean McCall, who's burial service was Saturday, May 21 at Paw Creek. (Frances Lyerly's cousin)
- Elaine Ferguson is beginning treatment for aggressive cancer. (Eddie & Jan Chapman's neighbor)
- John Williams is continuing Chemo treatments. (Eddie & Jan's neighbor)
- Brianna Watson is suffering from constant debilitating back pain. Her and Tristan are new parents. Please pray for healing (Barbara Ullem's acquaintances)
- Tommy Kiser had a stroke and passed away on May 15th (Sonny & Angie Ross's friend)
- Madge Hopkins' has been in the hospital recently. Please keep her & her family in your prayers. (Woodland Presbyterian)
- Thelma Tomlinson still needs prayers.
- Bertha Ellis passed away on May 22nd. Please keep the family in prayer. (Cheryl Ellis' mother)
- Richard Blankenship is having open heart surgery today at noon . Pray for wisdom for his doctors and for him to come through surgery good, and that he has a speedy recovery. (Steele Blankenship's brother)

Church Calendar

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

Wednesday, June 1

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 4

10:00am Troop 70 Car Wash / Hot Dog Lunch

Sunday, June 5

11:00am Pentecost Worship with Woodland
12:00pm Covered Dish Luncheon w/ Woodland
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 9

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

Sunday, June 12

9:15am Combined Summer Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 16

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

Saturday, June 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, June 19

*Father's Day
9:15am Combined Summer Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

Tuesday, June 21

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

Wednesday, June 22

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 23

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

Sunday, June 26

9:15am Combined Summer Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

Tuesday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 29

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 30

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

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **June 12th** following the service to present the Budget and elect a Nominating Committee.



Autumn Michelle Ballenger

Autumn is graduating from South Point High School. She is in the National Honor Society and South Point Dance Team. Autumn plans to attend East Carolina University to study Biology.

Anastasia Marie Hamby

Ana went to Mountain Island Charter School from the first grade until now in the 12th grade. She was a cheerleader in middle school. Her plans are to attend St. Augustine University in Raleigh, NC starting in the Fall of 2022. Ana wants to be a nurse like her mom, Elaine.

Owen Edward Miller

Owen graduated from UNC Charlotte on Friday, May 13, 2022, with a degree in Engineering Technology and Construction Management. He was awarded a Service Award, given in recognition to students who have demonstrated a commitment to service and have made a significant contribution to the community, department, college, or university. Owen is the grandson of Anne & Tommy Miller and plans to stay in Charlotte and work.



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 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



5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class

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**

June 5th—Pentecost Sunday

No Prayer time or Sunday School

(Please submit all prayer requests to Elliott as soon as possible on June 5th)

Summer Combined Sunday School

This summer we will have Summer Combined Sunday School for children, youth and adults in the CFC

From: Sunday June 12 – Sunday July 31

We will be viewing a series called **The Chosen – Season I**

The time schedule for Summer Combined Class is:

9:15 a.m. - Prayer time in the CFC

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 Summer Combined Sunday School Class

In the CFC

(The reason for starting at 9:30 a.m. is that several of the video episodes are about 50 minutes.)

If you come at 9:30 from June 12 – July 31, you will have all of August to get to church a little later.

There is no Sunday School during the month of August!

Jan Chapman has purchased this series for us on DVDs so we can easily watch one episode each week.

(Thank you, Jan Chapman)

A Study Guide for the series will be handed out at our May 29, 2022 Sunday School breakfast and celebration in CFC.

Thank you, The Christian Education Committee

Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program and Celebration

In early 2019 Elder Madge Hopkins from Woodland Presbyterian Church came to Elliott with a dream to develop a joint program with Paw Creek Presbyterian to help children develop a love of reading and build reading skills. After receiving a generous grant from the Charlotte Presbytery for this project, a reading committee from the Woodland and Paw Creek churches was formed and began working. Just as we were making progress toward the launch of the Reading Program, Covid 19 interrupted our plans and the program was put on hold for two years. Finally, in the spring of 2021 we were able to resume our work! Also, in the spring of 2021 Elliott's wife, Nell, retired after many years of teaching primary grade children. Nell gave the Reading Program her wealth of children's books, reading games and other materials along with a large, colorful children's carpet! With this windfall from Nell we were able to turn the church library into a colorful, appealing classroom for young readers. The Woodland/Paw Creek reading committee also hired an able Facilitator, Ms. Sarah Taylor, to lead the program.

Finally, in November of 2021 the Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program began its first school year of helping twelve second graders from Paw Creek Elementary School who needed extra work in reading. Every Wednesday this school year after school, twelve children have been transported by CMS bus to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church where Sarah Taylor, our talented reading facilitator, and eleven dedicated volunteers from the Paw Creek and Woodland churches have worked to help these struggling readers. The children come enthusiastically each week first for some recreation in the gym followed by snacks in our classroom supplied by Woodland Presbyterian. Then Ms. Taylor reads aloud to the children to help them develop a love of books. This is followed by her teaching the children necessary reading strategies and skills that the students will need to become successful readers. Then the group of twelve is broken down into smaller groups to work with our volunteers to do buddy reading, work on sight words, learn how to sound out words and work on other reading skills and strategies. In the spring of 2022 Danielle Belton, the principal at Paw Creek Elementary School, wrote us a lovely note saying that they were seeing significant growth in these students' reading skills because of our efforts!

Last night, Wednesday evening of May 25, after the children had come for a final time during the regular school year to the Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program, we celebrated the success of the Reading Program in our CFC. A celebration dinner was held for the children, their parents, the volunteers, the principal, the social worker and second grade teachers from Paw Creek Elementary School along with special guests, two members from the CMS school board and our Associate General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill. Elliott and Rev. Gloria Bolden from Woodland Presbyterian Church sat together at the head table and Elliott was our master of ceremonies. Susan Bandel entertained us with her beautiful flute music. Prior to the dinner the Property Committee efficiently oversaw the set up of all of the tables, chairs and other equipment in the gym. Shelby Alexander along with her able team of Charlene Todd and Gloria Caldwell coordinated and beautifully presented a buffet dinner with a variety of cookies, brownies and cake for dessert. Our PW women along with volunteers from Woodland provided the place settings and all of the food. Karen Turner and Vicki Ramsey decorated the tables, and we celebrated the success of Madge Hopkins' dream turning into reality!

The same twelve children are invited to will come to our **Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program from August 8-18** for a two week final push by Sarah Taylor and our volunteers to get the children ready for third grade! Then in the fall of 2022 we will start the Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program again with a new group of second graders!

Thank you to the Paw Creek and Woodland Presbyterian Churches for supporting this wonderful program to help children.

The Reading Committee: Celia Gray, Grady Cathey, Barbara Ullem and Rev. Elliott Hipp from Paw Creek Presbyterian Church and Elders Madge Hopkins and Robin Fox from Woodland Presbyterian Church





Happy Hearts “Streetcar Ride Uptown and Lunch” Wednesday, June 1

Elliott and Nell have invited us to their home. We will board streetcar 1 1/2 blocks from there, ride uptown to observe many changes. (There will be plenty of benches to sit along the way)
We will ride back and enjoy lunch and Nell’s garden.

Lunch — subs from Jimmy John’s
Cost—-\$10.00 (Lunch and gas for bus)

We will leave the church at 10:00
Sign up after church on May 22 or May 29

Or

Call/Text Linda Riggins (704) 575-8177 or Angie Ross (704) 399-4892



Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions group will meet again on **Saturday, June 18th**, at 10:30 in the Church Parlor.

Hope to See You There!!



PCPC Family!!!

I know the success of my surgery and my quick recovery is a direct result of the prayers you lifted up on my behalf!! Thanks for the prayers, words of encouragement, cards and food!

~Sam McCord

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee is currently working to identify our strengths and resources to better serve our congregation and the larger community. The process is designed to involve each of our Paw Creek members. As you have thoughts and ideas, please feel free to share these with any committee member. We ask that you include our committee in your prayers.

Thank you, ~Celia Gray, Elliott Hipp, Jim Pinkston, Jim Stogner, Karen Turner, Paul Bradley



Car Wash / Hot Dog Lunch

Troop 70 will have a Car Wash / Hot Dog Lunch
on June 4th from 10:00-12:30
(rain date, June 18)

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 Marlon Foust

Marlon James Foust was born on June 9, 1957, in Gastonia, North Carolina. He is the oldest of eight children – four boys and four girls. Marlon has attended South Point High School, Gaston College, and Community Culinary School. Marlon has worked as a nursing assistant, a chef, and a brick mason.

Growing up in the Mt. Holly/Belmont/Gastonia area, he enjoyed movies, community dances at the Jaycee Building, and church league softball and basketball. He is a North Carolina State Wolfpack fan!

Marlon grew up in the Catholic faith but changed over to being a Presbyterian and Baptist. He has always enjoyed singing. One day he was walking down the street singing a song by Earth, Wind & Fire when a choir director at the local Baptist church told him he needed to sing in the church choir, so he did – for 13 years! One day he was on his way to see his Mom and Dad when he passed Paw Creek and saw a sign for Paw Creek School of the Arts. He pulled in, talked to Chris Lee (the youth minister at that time), who told him to come back on Sunday. He met Gary Bryant that following Sunday and felt at home. He said one of the best things about Paw Creek is its people.

In 2017 or 2018, Marlon suffered a spinal injury from a car accident on I-85 near Sugar Creek Road. The use of his arms and legs are now limited, but he still spreads sunshine at his nursing facility!

You may correspond with Marlon at Saturn Rehab & Nursing, 1930 Sugar Creek Road, Room 238, Charlotte, NC 28262. He would love to hear from you!





Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in June!

June 1

Heather Gaskins

June 9

Evan Normand
Marlon Foust

June 18

Larry Ramsey

June 2

Celia Gray

June 10

Jenn Johns

June 21

Mary Ellen Edwards

June 3

Macy Kincaid
Bailey Miller
Karen Sisk

June 12

Shane Evans

June 22

Joy Pinkston
Stan Springs

June 4

Edgar Peeden

June 15

Craig Scott

June 23

Anna Jo Patton

June 5

Sandra Watson

June 16

Will Cathey
Rob Huffstickler

June 26

Anne Miller

June 8

Jesse Evans

June 17

Danny McClure, Sr.
Sarah Mullis

June 27

Dickie Chapman

June 30

Carson Kendrick

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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 **June 23rd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Tuesday, June 21st at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in July. 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, June 5

*Pentecost Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Combined Service w/
Woodland Presbyterian*

Sunday, June 12

*First Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 22: 21-24
"Memory"*

Sunday, June 19

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 22: 25-27
"Community"*

Sunday, June 26

*Third Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 23: 1-5
"Justice"*