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Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

This newsletter will come to you with Christmas just days away, and the beginning of a new year not far behind. There's not much to say but a very hearty "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year"!

Our work for 2022 is now done. There are of course so many opportunities that await us in 2023. But for now, may we all feel the warm embrace of God's love, the assurance of family close by, the healing of our hurts, and the hope of all that lies ahead. May this holy time be abundant with blessings for each of us.

With the joy of Christ's coming,

Elliott



Christmas Services

- Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm After you share time with family, bring them all for candlelight, communion and Christmas carols. About 45 minutes and a great way to usher in the holiday.
- Christmas Day Sunday, December 25 No Sunday School this day. Enjoy Christmas festivities in the morning, and then stop by for Christmas carols and a special Christmas Day story.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Requests:



- Stephanie Alexander's scan was clear! She will now rest and will continue to be monitored. She hopes to see us this weekend!
- Amelia Krebs had her final thyroid surgery on Nov. 23. She has no cancer but will meet with doctors to determine any further treatment.
- Virginia Oats is at Atrium hospital being treated for A-fib. She is receiving medication and she is starting to feel better. Please pray for quick recovery.
- Rob Simmons had a mild stroke this past week that adversely affected his speech. He is now home and prayers for his complete healing of his speech issues would be greatly appreciated.
- Jon Griffin passed away on Dec.12 from pancreatic cancer. His funeral was Dec. 15. (Jo Small's son)
- Debbie McCord spent time in the hospital for blood clots in her lungs. She had a procedure to blast the clots and was able to come home.
- Walker had an MRI which looked good. He will see his doctor to determine what needs to be done now for his eye. (Amy McGee's grandson)
- John Hartley from Texas, had his kidney removed. Please pray for healing. He lives in Texas. (Emily Adkins' step-son-in-law)
- George Wilson from Florida, has stage 4 kidney disease & congestive heart failure. He will start dialysis this week. (Gene Hall's brother-in-law)
- Elaine Ferguson had her thyroid removed because of pre-cancer. She is improving and thanks us for the prayers. (Jan & Eddie's neighbor)
- Richard Rumple had Covid, but is doing better.
- Lynn Joy Garris in Atlanta, had foot surgery a couple of weeks ago and now has a blood clot in her lung. She is in ICU for a Heparin drip. Prayers for a safe recovery. (Vickie Joy's sister)

Celebrations:

 Riley Moore was just received as a member of the church and was baptized on December 18th!



Church Calendar

Thursday, December 22

*Newsletter

Men's Bible Study 6:30am 9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm **Chancel Choir Practice**

Saturday, December 24

8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

11:00am Worship

Monday, December 26 *Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 *Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, December 28

*Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 29 *Church Office Closed

6:30am

Men's Bible Study Cardio Fitness 9:00am

Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm

Sunday, January 1

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, January 2

*Church Office Closed—Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

10:00am **Bible Study Bulletin Deadline** 12:00pm

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, January 5

Men's Bible Study 6:30am 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm

Sunday, January 8

Sunday School Classes 9:45am

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 10

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

12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, January 12

6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm **Chancel Choir Practice**

Sunday, January 15

Sunday School Classes 9:45am

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

10:00am **Bible Study Bulletin Deadline** 12:00pm

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, January 19

6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm **Chancel Choir Practice**

Saturday, January 21

Stitches for Missions 10:30am

Sunday, January 22

Sunday School Classes 9:45am

11:00am Worship

Monday, January 23

Newsletter Deadline 12:00pm

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, January 26

Men's Bible Study 6:30am Cardio Fitness 9:00am

Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm

Sunday, January 29

9:45am **Sunday School Classes**

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 31

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

Sunday School News

There are <u>NO</u> Sunday School classes on, **Dec, 25** and **Jan. 1**All Sunday School Classes will resume on **Jan. 8**.

Also, there will be no prayer time in the chapel @9:30 on these 2 mornings.

Please join us on Sunday, January 29, 2023
for a 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class in the CFC
Adults and children will gather for:
Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-9:30
Prayer 9:30-9:45
Combined class 9:45-10:30.

Pede Self from Cook's Presbyterian Church will be our leader. She will be presenting a program about the vital **mission work** she and others are doing with the **Kajiado Children's Home in Kenya**. Pede will give us a firsthand account of her recent mission trip to Kajiado!

Children, Youth and Adults please join us! Thank you, Christian Education Committee



The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

These are a great gift ideas!

Great for Christmas, Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother's/Father's Day, and Anniversaries! A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and Website.

New Offering Envelopes for 2023



Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available for you to pick up from the Narthex before or after worship service.

**Please be sure to use the correct year's envelope when making your offering.

Thank you!**

Children Connecting with Christ - CCC

On **December 7**, we held our Christmas gathering.

Joseph Jumper led a spirited game of dodgeball in the gym.

Then we had supper and the children and youth saw a beautiful Christmas video from "The Chosen". After the video, Joseph Jumper talked about the first Christmas and how Jesus came to be with all of us! Following the lesson Jan Chapman led craft time in CFC with children and youth enthusiastically creating popsicle stick manger scenes and Christmas ornaments from old Christmas cards and used CDs. Then 17

Bibles were given out to children and youth!

Thank you to all of the people who are providing supper for CCC each Wednesday, teaching lessons or assisting Joseph Jumper and supporting the group with your prayers and donations.

You are helping children and youth Connect with Christ!

Christian Education Committee

CCC resumes on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from 5:30-7:30



Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday**, **January 3rd**Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm
We will meet in the Parlor.



Happy Hearts

Tuesday, **January 31, 2023** 11:00am

BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!

Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 27, 2023 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

Stitches

Stitches for Missions

Missions The Stitches for Missions group will not meet during December. Our next meeting will be on January 21st, at 10:30am in the Parlor.

Spotlight On Our Special Friend

Richard and Barbara Rumple

Richard Gerald Rumple was born on February 1, 1936, in Biscoe, NC. His parents, Jessie and Neil Rumple, had a total of nine children. Growing up, Richard was an avid outdoorsman and loved playing sports. He went to Biscoe High School from 1951 to 1953 and graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in 1954.

Barbara Jean Barker Rumple was born on October 10, 1935, in Denver, NC. Her parents, Laura and John Barker, had five children. Barbara played several sports in high school and loved the outdoors – and in particular, gardening, fishing and camping. She graduated from Rock Springs High School in 1954.

Sometime in 1956, Richard and Barbara met at a restaurant in Charlotte. They dated for two years before marrying on June 20, 1958, at Unity Presbyterian Church. Their lives were blessed with two daughters – Sharon Beatty (Tim) and Patty Burns (Eric). Sharon and Patty added six grandsons to the Rumple family – Tyler, Landon and Hayden Beatty, and Jacob (Lauren), Joseph and John Burns. Barbara and Richard have lived in the Charlotte area throughout their married years – first in Denver, then to Oakdale in the early 70s. They later moved to Lake Norman in the 1980s and most recently in Iron Station.

Richard worked for Duke Power as a training instructor for 28 years before he retired in 1995, and Barbara worked at Southern Railway for 28 years as a registered secretary for the Chairman of the Board. She retired in 1999.

The Rumple family joined Paw Creek in the early 1970s and enjoyed the many friendships they had over the years. Richard was both an Elder and a Deacon, and Barbara enjoyed Women of the Church. Both of them enjoyed participating in mission projects in Florida.

While Barbara's health has declined and is now in memory care, their love for each other is still evident in the way Richard visits her every day. Their love story is still alive! They would love to see you or hear from you. Richard is still living at the residence at 121 Mossy Rock Trail, Iron Station 28080. Barbara now resides at The Addison, 440 Salem Church Road, Room #C7, Lincolnton, NC 28092.





Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in January!

January 2

Jeremy Chapman Patrick McCarthy Mark Muller

January 4

Debbie McCord

January 5

Eric Cathey Todd Joy

January 6

Vickie Joy Jon Kenley

January 11

Phillip McCord

January 13

Todd Miller Donna Timberman Tucker Torrence

January 16

Tim Boysworth

January 17

Brian Gross

January 18

Joyce Joy Jessica Kincaid Kaitlyn Revalee

January 19

Tori Caudill

January 24

Cameron Fortier

January 25

Eddie McArver Toni Torrence

January 26

Savannah Reel

January 27

Scott Brenner

January 31

Stephanie Sudderth

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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 **January 25th.** The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, January 23rd at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in February. 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, January 1

First Sunday after Christmas Luke 2: 15-21 "Live Up to Your Name"

Sunday, January 8

Day of Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Matthew 2: 1-12
"Holy Visitors"

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday after Epiphany John 1: 29-42 "I Did Not Know Him"

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 9: 1-4, Matthew 4: 12-17 "Light Shines in Galilee"