



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Looking at our church calendar for the month of May, I am reminded of how many things are going on around here!

A quick (and surely not exhaustive) list includes: the wrap-up of the CCC program for the year, and their wonderful field trip last weekend; the final meetings of the Woodland Paw Creek reading program for the year, and their gala closing dinner Wednesday evening; the final weeks of the Back Pack Buddies program before summer vacation; Presbyterian Women's Sunday and their end of the year Circle meeting; the Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale; and the 15th annual joint Pentecost service with Woodland church, including music, food and celebration.

And of course the list doesn't even mention Bible studies and Sunday school classes every week; glorious music every time we meet to worship; hours of work to care for the spaces where these events happen; and all the time spent planning and preparing for meals, arranging chairs, and locking and unlocking doors!

What's the common thread that runs through all this activity? I see two things. First, everything on these lists represents the work of many, many hands and many, many hours. Truly, none of these things would be happening without deep dedication from our members and friends.

Second, and I think even more important: everything listed directly supports the Mission of Christ's church. In what we do we care for God's children and embody God's love to the world.

When we ordain our elders and ministers, they promise to serve the Lord with "energy, intelligence, imagination and love". But here at Paw Creek those words describe the dedication of every single person, ordained or not. Take a minute to think about it - and please join me in giving thanks for it all!

Blessings, Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Janie Scott spent last weekend in the hospital with A-fib. She is now recovering at home.
- Chad McArver continues to well with his treatments.
- Angie Ross continues to need our prayer as she continues her treatments.
- Rev. Mary Lautensleger has been sick and is recovering. Please pray for continues healing.
- Mike Kirkley's surgery for a blocked artery in his neck went well. Please pray for continued healing with no complications. (Patty Burns' daughter-in-law's father)
- Karen Broome's back surgery went well and the original pain is completely gone! She is grateful for the prayers. (Amy Broome's Aunt)
- Angie Lee has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for healing (Christy Corder's friend)

Celebrations:

- Happy Birthday to Riley Moore who will be 21 on May 30th!
- The Fish Fry was a success this year. Lots of great food & fellowship!
- PW made \$382.50 at the Bake Sale towards the Scholarship Fund!

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 24

*Newsletter

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 25

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, May 28

*No Sunday School / Prayer

11:00am Worship with Woodland – Pentecost / Lord's Supper

Monday, May 29

*Church Office Closed—Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

9:00am Cardio Fitness

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 31

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 1

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, June 4

Graduation Sunday

11:00am Worship / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, June 6

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 7

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 6/11 & 6/18

Thursday, June 8

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, June 11

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 12

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 13

*Church Office Closed

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 14

*Church Office Closed

Thursday, June 15

*Church Office Closed

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, June 17

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, June 18

*Father's Day

11:00am Worship / Presbyterian Homes Offering

Monday, June 19

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 20

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 21

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 22

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, June 25

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 26

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 27

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 28

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Thursday, June 29

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday School News

May 28: Regular Sunday School classes will continue through May 28.

June 4-July 2: There are no Sunday School classes. During these weeks we will have prayer time in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

July 9-August 27 – **Summer Combined Sunday School CFC**

9:15 a.m. – Prayer time in the CFC

9:30 – 10:30 - Summer Sunday School lesson in the CFC – We will view:

The Chosen video series – Season 2 – Blessed Are the Chosen

The Chosen series is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. These videos are suitable for both children, youth and adults.

July 9 - Lesson 1: The Poor in Spirit and the sons of thunder

July 16 - Lesson 2: Those Who Mourn and the God who sees

July 23 - Lesson 3: The Meek

July 30 - Lesson 4: Those Who Hunger

Aug 6 - Lesson 5: The Merciful

Aug 13 - Lesson 6: The Pure in Heart

Aug 20 - Lesson 7: The Peacemakers

Aug 27 - Lesson 8: The Persecuted

If you are unable to attend all of the sessions: This series is available free on The Chosen App, YouTube, Amazon, Netflix and other streaming networks. Please contact Jan Chapman for more information.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!
Christian Education Committee



Stitches for Missions

New Project: Quilts for Ukraine

We are planning and developing a quilting workshop in which we will make 4-5 simple quilted lap blankets for Ukraine. This workshop is for more than just skilled quilters but is also for novice quilters and those who are thinking about getting into quilting. The workshop will be held on **July 15th** in the CFC from 10 AM to 2 PM. Enrollment will begin in June. In the meantime, mark your calendars for this craft and service event. (This is a no cost event....we hope to have enough material donations for the quilts and borrowed equipment. We would like if attendees will bring a salad and or dessert for lunch. Drinks will be provided.)

Thank you for a Successful Year

Children Connecting with Christ (CCC) had a successful first year back in-person since the Pandemic. During the 2022-2023 school year children and youth from the Paw Creek community met at our church on Wednesday evenings for recreation and supper followed by Bible lessons for two groups, children and youth. We were blessed to have Joseph Jumper, a ministerial intern from Myers Park, with us as our CCC leader for this year. Under Joseph's enthusiastic leadership our numbers grew to a total of 23 children and youth!

On Sunday, May 21, we celebrated the year with a Field Trip to the Carolina Raptor Center for all CCC children and youth and their chaperones!



Thank you Paw Creek Presbyterian Church for your help with the CCC program this year. You provided meals each Wednesday, helped us as we led the children and youth and donated funds for CCC activities. Christian Education is grateful for your support! Over the summer we will be looking for a new CCC leader as Joseph will not be available to work with our program next year (he will spend one more year in partnership with Paw Creek, but his supervisor at Myers Park has asked that he gain experience in other ministry tasks such as preaching and pastoral care.) We ask for your prayers and support as we look for a new leader and plan for the Children Connecting with Christ (CCC) ministry to children and youth for 2023-2024.

Thank you, again, for a successful year.

Christian Education Committee – CCC Leadership and Elliott Hipp



The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver.

You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

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

Online Giving

Paw Creek has Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at www.pawcreekpc.org and follow the link on the home page.

Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)

For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the **new app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.



Graduation Sunday June 4

We recognize the following high school and college graduates for 2023. Graduates attending will be honored during the service on June 4. Cookies and lemonade to be served after service in the west wing.

Meet our Graduates

- **Zoe Mathews -High School**

Zoe will graduate from Mountain Island Charter School on May 25, 2023. She will attend North Carolina State University in the fall of 2023, majoring in Biochemistry. She wants to become an epidemiologist. The COVID-19 pandemic sparked an interest in infectious diseases – something she never before considered. She became fascinated with how COVID-19 spread, the economic and social impacts of it, the political responses to it and the development of treatments and vaccines. She is not certain exactly what she wants to research in this field, but definitely wants to help prevent and/or lessen the impact future pandemics.

- **Zac McDonald - High School**

Zachary (Zac) McDonald is graduating from Hawthorne Military and Global Leadership Academy, a CMS magnet school. He is completing the Public Safety and Law Enforcement track. He will graduate as a Captain in the Army JROTC program where he's been in Color Guard for 4 years, commanded the drill team for 2 years, and has earned numerous ribbons and medals for service and performance. Zac has also participated in CMPD's Explorer program for 4 years, where he's learned the basics of law enforcement, participated in their community service events, and gained practical experience in being a police officer. In the Fall, he will attend CPCC and major in Criminal Justice. He's then hoping to attend UNCC to complete his Bachelor's degree. After that he will apply to the CMPD Police Academy with hopes of one day being a K-9 Officer. Zac enjoys woodworking, welding, and scuba diving during his non-student hours.

- **Amelia Krebs - Associate's Degree**

Amelia will graduate in May, 2023 with an Associates Degree in General Studies in Art from Southwest Virginia Community College. In the fall, she plans to attend the College of History and Interdisciplinary Studies at Norfolk State University.

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- **Grace Kenley—Bachelor's Degree**

Grace will graduate May 12, 2023 with Bachelor's in Instructional Studies/ Minor in Special Education. She has been offered a job with Burke County Schools at Icard Elementary.

- **Max Sudderth - Bachelor's Degree**

Max will be graduating May 4 from NC State with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. His senior mechanical engineering design class won first place in their project. They designed a broom handle that could be used in prisons that would not be made into a weapon. They used rolled up paper with wax coating.

- **Alexis Tyler - Bachelor's Degree**

Graduates from University of North Carolina at Greensboro with Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Business Studies.

- **Emily Cathey - Doctorate in Medicine**

Emily will be graduating medical school on May 20, 2023 from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine with a degree in Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) with Interprofessional Honors. During school she was president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association among other activities. After graduation she will be staying in Maine and pursuing a residency in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME.

- **Heather Hall Ramsey - Doctorate in Education**

L. Heather Hall Ramsey will graduate from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on May 12, 2023, as a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership. For her dissertation, she researched how K-12 classroom teachers educate their students on responsible internet and social media use. This is her fourth degree from Charlotte, where she previously graduated with a BA in Elementary Education ('05), and master's degrees in Reading Education ('09) and Learning, Design and Technology ('16). She currently works at The Fletcher School, a school for students with learning differences such as dyslexia and ADHD. She serves as the Director of Educational Technology and supports teachers in the integration of technology in the classroom. She also teaches online courses in the Learning, Design and Technology department at UNC Charlotte.



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in June!

June 1

Heather Gaskins

June 2

Celia Gray

June 3

Macy Kincaid
Bailey Miller
Karen Sisk

June 4

Edgar Peeden

June 5

Sandra Watson

June 8

Jesse Evans

June 9

Evan Normand
Marlon Foust

June 10

Jenn Johns

June 12

Shane Evans

June 15

Craig Scott

June 16

Will Cathey
Rob Huffstickler

June 17

Danny McClure, Sr.
Sarah Mullis

June 18

Larry Ramsey

June 21

Mary Ellen Edwards

June 22

Joy Pinkston
Stan Springs

June 23

Anna Jo Patton

June 26

Anne Miller

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 28th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, June 26th 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 4

First Sunday after Pentecost
Graduation Sunday
"The Authority of Teachers"
Matthew 7:21-29

Sunday, June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost
"Go!"
Genesis 12:1-9

Sunday, June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher
Joseph Jumper

Sunday, June 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
"It's a Package Deal"
Romans 6:1-11