



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Welcome to the end of summer newsletter! These pages serve as a record, reminder and invitation to a slew of things that will be happening over the coming weeks: the music of the choir on Sunday mornings; the regathering of Sunday school classes, Bible studies and circles; the return of neighborhood children to our hallways on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the Reading Program and Children Connecting with Christ.

Those last two are really the centerpiece. That's where we are most making a difference in our world. And that is where we are pouring our energy and our resources - they represent the all-out efforts of our church to spread the hope and love of the Gospel. Many thanks to everyone who has worked to build those programs in the past, and who will step up again this year to lead them forward.

As we turn the corner into the fall, may the blessings of good work to do and a great church to do it encourage all of us to serve the Gospel with our prayers and our hearts.

Blessings, Elliott



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **September 24** immediately after worship to receive the report of the 2023 Session Nominating Committee and vote on elders to serve on Session in the class of 2026.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- David Turner had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday and was released from the hospital on Friday. He is at home recovering. Please continue to pray for healing.
- Pat Neal is in a nursing home in Sumter, SC now. She had fluid removed from her lungs this past week and is on oxygen now full time. She also has ocular degeneration. Her spirit is good, but she would appreciate prayers.
- Reid Mosby-Griffin's niece, Angela was airlifted to Atrium hospital las week for an emergency heart procedure. She is still hospitalized, beginning to recover slowly and still very much needs our prayers. Please keep Reid, Neecho and the family in prayer as well.
- Chad McArver had his first check-up last week after his radiation treatments. Doctors were pleased with his progress and will continue to monitor. Decisions about additional treatments will come later this year. Also, Jane McArver begins treatments in a few weeks. Please keep the entire family in our prayers.
- Jean Savage fell and broke her ankle. She is home in a wheelchair and cannot put pressure on her ankle for 6-8 weeks. Please pray for healing.
- Joe Troutman passed away on August 5. His funeral was on August 12th at Paw Creek. Please keep the family in prayer.
- Paul Sprinkle's surgery on August 1st went well. Please continue to pray for healing.
- Dina Salvo's sister, Merrie has deteriorating health. Please pray that they find the right treatment for her.
- Sylvia Bradshaw passed away. Her service was on August 6 at Hillcrest Baptist. (Jim Stogner's sister)
- Joy McKee Hilton passed away. Please pray for the family (Emily Adkins, Angie Ross & Hoyt Johnston's cousin)
- Bob Mathews has stage 4 Prostate Cancer. Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers. (Ron Mathews' dad)
- Sarah Cox fell a couple of weeks ago and broke her wrist. Please pray for healing and comfort.
- Please continue to pray for Hawaii and California and for those affected by the devastation there.

Celebrations:

- Joseph Jumper was approved for ordination and to be a Pastoral Resident at Myers Park Presbyterian Church (pending ordination at yesterday's Presbytery Meeting in Albemarle)

Church Calendar

Wednesday, August 23

*Newsletter

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 24

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, August 27

9:15am Combined Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 29

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 30

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 30

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 3

10:30am Prayer in the Chapel

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

Monday, September 4

*Church Office Closed, Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 6

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 7

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 10

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, September 12

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 13

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 9/17 & 9/24

Thursday, September 14

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, September 16

10:00am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, September 17

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship / PW Blanket Sunday

Monday, September 18

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 19

*Church Office Closed

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 20

*Church Office Closed

Thursday, September 21

*Church Office Closed

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 24

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

12:00pm Congregational Meeting

Monday, September 25

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 27

*Newsletter

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 28

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness



CCC Welcomes Chris Boswell

"Children Connecting With Christ" will begin the new school year on Wednesday, September 20 with a new Youth Leader.

In July Session appointed Christopher Boswell to oversee CCC and to provide teaching and programming for the youth component each week. Chris is a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School and the University of North Carolina, and is currently working towards his M.Div. degree at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Charlotte. He was formally youth director at Huntersville Presbyterian Church, and has continued to work in education while in seminary.

In interviewing Chris, the CCC leadership team was impressed with the way he focuses on both teaching the faith to young people, and helping them to navigate the path to adulthood. He is well grounded in our Presbyterian-Reformed tradition, and brings energy, organization, and technological savvy. We are excited to welcome him to Paw Creek!

What to know about CCC:

- Open to all school age children and youth - Church and Community members welcome
- Wednesday evenings, 5:30 to 7:30, beginning September 20

Recreation, Fellowship, Supper and Bible Study

How you can help:

- Prayers for the success of this vital program are always welcome!
- Spread the word about CCC to family and friends in the community
- Many volunteers are needed to work with teaching (for the younger children), classroom support and providing simple meals each week. Please consider offering the Christian Ed Committee the gift of your time and talents

Sunday School News

Sunday, **August 27**: Summer Combined Sunday School will meet in the CFC to view the final episode of The Chosen Season 2.
Prayer time: 9:15-9:30
Combined Sunday School Lesson: 9:30-10:30

Sunday, September 3: Sunday School Classes **will not** meet.
Prayer time in the Chapel at 10:30

Weekly Sunday School Classes resume on September 10, 2023 (9:45-10:30)
(Prayer time will return to the Sanctuary at 9:30)

Two Adult Classes will meet in the East Wing

- **Missions Class:** meets in the parlor
Curriculum: "The Story – The Bible as one continuing Story of God and His People"
The Lesson for Sept. 10: Chapter 26, Jesus and the Last Supper
- **New Covenant Class:** meets upstairs near the ramp door
Curriculum: Max Lucado video series: Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World
- **Multi-age Children/Youth:** **meets in the West Wing**
Curriculum - "Feasting on the Word" - lectionary scriptures & activities

We look forward to a return to Sunday School and the opportunity to continue to grow in our faith.

Please come and join one of our Classes!

Thank you, Christian Education Committee



Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study

Weekly Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, **September 20**. Class meets at 10:00 in the parlor and is open to everyone. For the fall, each week we will study the lectionary scripture readings for the following Sunday. Upcoming readings are published each week in the Sunday bulletin.



Scout Open House

The Scout Open House will take place Tuesday, **August 29th** at 6:30 pm in the CFC. Any boys or girls from kindergarten through age 17 who are interested are welcome to come enjoy a night of fun and games.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Women

PCPW Circle Meetings

September is fast approaching and so is a new year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women. We have two active Circles at Paw Creek that meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. If you are not currently in a Circle, we encourage you to join us! We enjoy wonderful fellowship and Bible study in a small group setting. This year's Bible study is 'Sacred Encounters' by Olive Mahabir.

In this study, we will see Jesus and the disciples as they share the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

This year we will begin our meetings in our regular Circle groups on **September 5th**.

Go and Grow Circle - Tuesday Morning at 10:00AM in the Parlor

Life Seekers - Tuesday Evening at 7:00PM in the parlor

We look forward to seeing you and sharing delightful fellowship as we study God's word.

Greetings From Our Oldest Church Member



Marie Love continues to do well in her home at Scotia Village in Laurinburg

Need a Ride to Church?

Mecklenburg County is providing free transportation for individuals 60 and older, or 18-59 who are disabled. These trips are to local grocery food chains, pharmacy's, farmers markets, barber shops & beauty salons, places of worship, and some medical appointments. The service is offered 364 days a year/7 days a week. If you know someone that could benefit from this service please feel free to share the telephone number below with them to schedule the trip. All trips must be scheduled 3 days in advance of the service.

Mecklenburg Transportation System Scheduling Line: 704-336-4547



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.

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Stitches For Missions—Quilts for Ukraine



The Stitches for Missions Project Team
Represented by Paw Creek, Cooks Memorial, and Woodland Presbyterian Churches in Charlotte, NC.

Working in the spirit of giving hope to others.



Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts is going to Riverbend Creamery **Wednesday, Sept 13**. We will leave the church at 10:00, so be there at 9:50. Cost is \$13, this includes the tour, 1 scoop of ice cream and gas for the church bus. We will stop @ BBQ King in Boger City for lunch on the way back. Deadline to sign up is Monday, Sept 11. Please contact Vicki Ramsey (704)281-2836 to sign up or if you have any questions.



5th Friday Festivities September 29th at 6:30pm in CFC

Join the Fellowship Committee on Friday, **September 29th** at 6:30 in the CFC for food, games, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sam McCord (980-322-8512) or Donna Hall (704-502-3853) with a headcount by Wednesday, September 27th.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas in Paw Creek Arts and Crafts Fair

Sponsored by Troop 70



Saturday, **November 18**, 2023, 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70
If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481



We are so grateful for our church family. Thank you for the calls, text, visits, cards, food and most of all your prayers.

Our love,
Angie & Sonny



K is for Kindness

Mark your calendars! Save the date!! Our 5th annual K is for Kindness day is just around the corner on **9.11!!** This year we are fortunate to be able to return to classrooms around the county to read books and share demonstrations with young students reminding all of us how just one simple act of kindness can truly change the world. That Monday morning, we will be taking 50 volunteers to Bessemer City Primary where my mom spent her 31 year teaching career - please click this link for more details and to sign up to join us! All books and materials will be provided!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FAEA623A13-kisfor>

If you can't join us at Bessemer Primary, but are interested in spreading the K is for Kindness fun to a classroom near you, we will be happy to share book information, materials and talking point details for your use! We are also challenging local high school students to partner with their school counselors and peers to organize groups of students to go into the local elementary schools to read books and do kindness demonstrations! If you or a student you know are interested in participating, please comment below or message me for more information! It is our intention to supply each volunteer with a book to be read to the class and then donated to the classroom library. If you are unable to volunteer as a reader but would still like to support our efforts, please consider purchasing a book from our Amazon wish list! They will be mailed directly to us and we will note your donation on the inside cover before sharing it as part of this year's K is for Kindness efforts! Click here for the Wish List link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3ZP98T73POY?ref=wl_share

Thank you for helping us remember my sweet mom in this special way as we seek to humbly spread KINDNESS to the kids in our community!



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in September!

September 5

Ann Cashion

September 6

Tommy Caldwell

September 10

Troy Miller

September 12

Dwayne Dorton
Peyton Helms

September 13

Bailie Joy

September 14

Elaine Laney

September 15

Eric Burns
Bob Rusevlyan
Pam Wright

September 17

Renee Padgett

September 20

Hoyt Johnston

September 21

Lauren Scott

September 26

Mark Penna

September 27

Renee Huffstickler
Caitlin Penna
Annie Smith

September 28

Daeng Manichanh
Ken Scott

September 29

Virginia Oates

September 30

Donna Hall
Dennis Whittington

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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 **September 27th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, September 25th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in October. 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, September 3

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"Peter Gets it Wrong"
Matthew 16: 21-28

Sunday, September 10

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Jesus Is Enough"
Matthew 18: 15-20

Sunday, September 17

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"The Elusive Gift of Freedom"
Exodus 14: 21-29

Sunday, September 24

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
"The Elusive Gift of Bread"
Exodus 16: 9-15