



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

I'm writing on Monday, the day after Pentecost, with the sights and sounds (and wonderful covered dish smells!) of that day still fresh in my thoughts.

As always, there was a Holy Spirit-filled goodness to our celebration, with visions of wind and flames dancing in our imaginations, and the color red bursting out wherever the eye could see.

But I think now, after seven of these Woodland-Paw Creek Pentecost celebrations, I have come to appreciate some deeper meanings. The traditional take on the Pentecost story is actually rather removed from our everyday experience - after all, we weren't there, and the events described by the book of Acts seem more symbolic than real. But when our two church families get together to remember the story, the Spirit's power is not at all symbolic. It is happening in our very midst. In so many ways, the powers of the present age are invested in seeing us torn apart from each other by the human differences that we so easily notice. It is only the power of the Spirit that frees us to be bound together in the glory of those differences and in the oneness of Christ's body.

As a case in point, yesterday we had the blessing of the music of the Woodland Hymn Choir. I mentioned during worship that I hadn't even known what a Hymn Choir was, and that that ignorance had led me to list them incorrectly in the worship bulletin. Now, though, I have experienced their powerful music, sung unaccompanied and drawing us in with the insistence of rhythm and repetition. But even then I did not know what I had heard until I sat down to lunch and had a conversation with Andy Cumbow, our Music Director. As a musician, Andy understood that the Hymn Choir was doing something unlike any music that he knows. He speculated that it must be the music of the time of slavery, handed down unchanged in the oral tradition. And he also said it felt to him as if we were hearing the authentic sound of true and honest faith, not simply from 200 years ago, from the beginning of faith itself. I invited Mr. Sadler, one of the Hymn Choir singers, to join our conversation and he confirmed Andy's guess - "these are the songs that our ancestors brought with them when they left to start our church".

Where else but the Church of Jesus Christ, on what other day than the Day of the Holy Spirit, could people like us receive the gift of the raw, tender and honest songs of these faithful disciples whose history is caught up with our own in such complex and humbling ways? Therefore I repeat: It is only the power of the Spirit that frees us to be bound together in the glory of our differences and in the oneness of Christ's body.

Thanks be to God,
Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Sam McCord is improving and hopes to start chemo again soon.
- Hailey Venable will have a scan this week and hopes to have surgery next week.
- Barbara Ullem nephew's mother-in-law, Dorothy Loechner, passed away on May 8 after brief illness. Please keep the family in prayer at this time.
- Penny Gaddy (Woodland) lost her mother, Veola Thomas last week.
- Vicki Ramsey's uncle Skip passed away.
- Gail Bryant's sister has improved and they are making plans to move her to SC to be near her daughter.
- Bonnie Scott Penna is in Novant main with a severe viral infection.
- Ann Furr is at CaroMont Gastonia being treated for shortness of breath and loss of blood. She will have an endoscopy this week.
- Grady Love (Flora Mae's nephew) passed away. He was a member of Paw Creek during his childhood until he graduated from college and went on to become a Presbyterian Minister. Please keep the family in prayer.
- Joey Troutman is still in Rehab but making great progress. Hopes to be released in a few weeks.
- Tom Lineberger (Malinda Cobb's father) had successful triple bypass surgery. Please continue to keep him in prayer.

Those We Continue to Pray For:

- Gretchen Holton Freeman
- Chad McArver
- Kristen Turner
- Angie Ross

Celebrations:

- All of our Graduates!
- CCC had a great End of Year lunch and Field Trip.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 22

*Newsletter

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Cookies & Punch with Joseph & Emily Jumper

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

6:30pm 5th Friday Festivities

Sunday, June 2

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger / Graduation Sunday
12:00pm Cookies & Lemonade in Chapel with Graduates

Tuesday, June 4

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 9

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 10

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 11

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 12

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 13

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

Saturday, June 15

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, June 18

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 23

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 24

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 25

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 26

*Newsletter

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 30

9:15am 5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast (No Sunday School)
11:00am Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

There will be no Wednesday Bible Study during **June and July**.



Sunday School News

May 26: Regular Sunday School classes will continue through May 26.

June 2-June 30: There are no Sunday School classes.

June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23: Prayer time is in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

June 30 Prayer time is in the CFC at 9:15 & Fellowship Breakfast in CFC 9:30-10:30

July 7-August 25 – Summer Combined Sunday School

9:15 a.m. – Prayer time in the Chapel

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

The Chosen video series – Season 3 – The Way of 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 7 - Lesson 1: FORGIVE as Jesus forgives

July 14 - Lesson 2: GO as Jesus sends you

July 21 - Lesson 3: GRIEVE as Jesus grieves

July 28 - Lesson 4: STAND where Jesus stands

Aug 4 - Lesson 5: DELIGHT in what Jesus delights in

Aug 11 - Lesson 6: ASK because Jesus tells you to

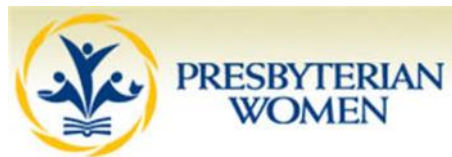
Aug 18 - Lesson 7: WELCOME who Jesus welcomes

Aug 25 - Lesson 8: TRUST JESUS all the time

Please contact Jan Chapman for more information.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Christian Education Committee



Paw Creel Presbyterian Women

Thank you all for a great Circle year! Also, a very special thanks to everyone who was willing to teach a lesson and share God's word.

The time we spend together means so much to all of us!

If you no longer need your literature, Sacred Encounters, please leave your books in the narthex or the church office, and it will be shared with another church.

♥ Karen T



4th of July Parade

Paw Creek Presbyterian will have a float in the Coulwood Parade this year. We will meet at Coulwood Middle School at 8:00am on the 4th to decorate the float. The parade starts at 9am. **If you would like to donate candy for the parade, please bring it to the Church Office by Sunday, June 30th.** ~Thank you!

Paw Creek's 215th Anniversary is this year !!!

For the month of May, the Mission Team will be selling 22 oz color changing stadium cups with a picture of the church on one side and the church information on the other.

These cups are frosted to blue or frosted to red and will be \$5 each.

Proceeds from the sale will help pay for the cups we will throw out from the church float during the Annual Coulwood 4th of July Parade.

If you are unable to get your cups during May, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the church office 704-392-0329

Exciting News

Our friends Joseph and Emily Jumper will worship with us for the last time next Sunday, **May 26**. Later in June they will be leaving so that Joseph can accept his new call. Details are under wraps right now, but will be shared as soon as they become public. On the 26th we will have punch and cookies after worship so that we can visit with them and send them with our best wishes. Please come!

News from Our Seminary Graduates

Two members of our Paw Creek family are coming to the end of their formal education for ministry this spring. Jordan Loud graduated from Columbia Seminary on May 18 and Victoria Krebs will graduate from Union Seminary on June 29.

While they have been in seminary, both Jordan and Victoria have also been on a parallel journey to complete the formal process that leads to being ordained as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Jordan has been received as a Candidate by Charlotte Presbytery. His next steps will be to complete the ordination exams and tie up the other requirements so that he can begin seeking a call. Victoria has finished her exams and has been given permission to begin interviewing with churches for a call.

It's an exciting time for both of our Candidates, and also a time when they are straining to discern where God is leading them. Let us be in prayer for both of them in the coming weeks and months as we wait for news of where their calls will take them.

Dear Church Family,

We appreciate so much all of your acts of kindness and most of all your prayers during this sad time in our lives.

Steele, Barbara & Kimberly



Overflowing With Thanks

Kristen and I would like to thank all of you for your extreme kindness following my knee surgery and now during Kristen's breast cancer treatments. We have both received so many cards, calls and gifts from our beloved church family. We can never thank all of you enough for your love and support. We care deeply for each and every one of you!

Love,

Karen & Kristen

Children Connecting with Christ (CCC)

It has been a good year for Children Connecting with Christ (CCC) under the direction of our Youth Ministries Leader, Chris Boswell. We have met weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for recreation in the church gym with Chris leading the games followed by food and fellowship in the dining room. In the West Wing from 6:30-7:30 we have divided CCC members into two groups for Bible study. Volunteers from Paw Creek have taught the children's CCC group while Chris Boswell, assisted by a Paw Creek volunteer, has taught the youth.

On May 5 we celebrated our successful year together! Led by Elliott Hipp CCC members participated in the church service with a lively reenactment of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After church, CCC members, parents and leaders met in the CFC for lunch followed by a delightful afternoon field trip to Zootastic Park!



Thank you Paw Creek Presbyterian Church; you have provided CCC meals, made monetary donations and volunteered your time and talents to teach and assist. We appreciate all of your support for the Children Connecting with Christ ministry this year!

CCC Leadership and Elliott Hipp



Graduation Sunday June 2

We recognize the following high school and college graduates for 2024. Graduates attending will be honored during the service on June 2. Cookies and lemonade to be served after service in the Chapel.

Meet our Graduates

- **Price Kenley—High School**

Price graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lincoln Charter High School. He will attend NC State University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Business with a concentration in Finance.

- **Logan Sherwood—High School**

Logan is the Grandson of Carol and Dickie Chapman and Son of Shannon and Matt Sherwood. He will graduate from Johnston County High School on June 7th 2024. Plans are to attend Johnston County Community College in the fall and work at Manning's Restaurant in Clayton, North Carolina.

- **Cassidy Williams—High School**

Cassidy is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Williams and the Granddaughter of Tommy and Gloria Caldwell. She is graduating from East Lincoln High School. Cassidy is a world champion Black Belt in Martial Arts. She has practiced Kung Fu since she was 3 years old. Cassidy has also been active in East Lincoln on stage throughout her High School years, participating in 10 productions. She was inducted into the National English Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and the International Thespian Society. Cassidy plans to attend Western Carolina University in the fall and major in Nursing.

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- **John Levi Burns—Bachelor's Degree**

John graduated with a Business Management Degree from Appalachian State University. He plans to stay in Boone through the summer working at the Linville Golf Club. In August he will continue his education at CPCC. He will be working on his Turf Management Degree. John will be pursuing a career with a golf club or park in their Greens Management.

- **Katelyn Kenley—Radiology Degree**

Katelyn graduated from Novant's Radiologic Technology Program as Radiologic Technician. She is now working at Novant's Presbyterian Medical Center in Huntersville.

- **Victoria Krebs—Dual Masters in Divinity and Christian Education**

Victoria will be graduating from Union Presbyterian Seminary - Charlotte Campus on June 29, 2024. While at Union Seminary, she served as a Pulpit Supply, delivering sermons about twice/month in the Abingdon Presbytery. She served at Richlands Presbyterian Church as Student Pastor for a year and is currently the chair of Teen Venture, a nonprofit organization that offers teens enrichment opportunities. Victoria has passed all her ordination exams and is currently searching for her first ordained call to a congregation.

- **Jordan Loud—Masters of Divinity Degree**

Jordan graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA on May 18, 2024 with a Masters of Divinity. He was the SGA treasurer in 2023-2024 fiscal year and the leader of SAGE May 2022 through 2024. Jordan regularly participated in the Fellowship for theological discussion and the International students association. He is hoping to find a residency in chaplaincy and is going through the process of accepting one in Minnesota. Jordan stated that is very appreciative of the support that Paw Creek has given him both spiritually and financially, especially that of the Men's Bible Study, Children Connecting with Christ, and the Women of the Church. He could not have done it without you all and looks forward to taking that spirit of service and love into his ministry.



PW College Scholarship Applications

Each year the Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek Church offer our young adults (18-23) who are enrolled in or plan to attend a college, university, or technical institution a modest scholarship to help with the cost of their education. Applicants may apply twice for this yearly scholarship. Please provide proof of admission to the college, university, or technical institution that you will be or are attending when you submit your application. Please contact Celia Gray at celia@tcgracing.com or 704-756-9697 for more information. Application forms for the scholarship are found in the Narthex and Church office and our website.

***Deadline for submissions is July 31, 2024.**

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

<https://www.pawcreekpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PCPW-Scholarship-Application-2024.pdf>



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, graduation 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.



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 26nd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, June 24th 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 2

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Graduation Sunday

"God is Patient"
1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Sunday, June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost
"God is tolerant"
1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Sunday, June 16

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
"God Repents"
1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

Sunday, June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
"God is Vindicated"
1 Samuel 17: 1-49

Sunday, June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
"God is Glorified"
2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12-19