



# THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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What is your only comfort, in life and in death? That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

These words come from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and are the opening lines to the “Heidelberg Catechism,” a statement of faith included in our Book of Confessions. Nearly 500 years later, these are still the words we need to hear and speak and trust.

This has been a summer of deep tragedy and unrest across the United States and across the world. The list of cities continues to grow: Orlando, Baghdad, Baton Rouge, St. Paul, Dallas, Nice. Even as people who watch the news from a distance, it is almost too much to bear. We see the photos. We hear the numbers. And we can feel the pain of families: who long for the arms of their spouse or parent, whose dreams for their children are shattered, whose neighborhoods are torn apart.

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No matter what you face, you belong to Christ. In the depths of grief, you belong to Christ. In the striving for peace and justice, you belong to Christ. In the quiet of the night, or in the wrestling within your spirit, you belong to Christ. May you have Christ’s peace for the journey.

Love,

Melissa McNair-King

Our church had another wonderful week at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference! We sang, worshiped, rang bells, ate delicious meals, shared stories, and strengthened our relationships with God and each other. Anyone is welcome to join us for this special time of the summer. Consider making it part of your plans for next year!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**COMMUNION** will be served on Sunday, August 7th.

**SESSION MEMBERS** hosting the after worship fellowships in August are:

August 7th: Bob Ingram, Barry Long

August 14th: Tom Haller, Joe Makolandra

August 21st: church picnic - no brunch

August 28th: no brunch



**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** to the church office for the September newsletter no later than Monday, August 15th.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** You are invited to the home of Eddie and Kathy Hale for our annual summer picnic on Sunday, August 21st! You may bring a bathing suit and enjoy the pool before dinner, from 3 - 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Meat is provided - please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Directions to the Hales' home are below. Please do not use GPS.

Follow Rt. 100 past NRCC.

Turn left onto Black Hollow (at River of Life Church).

Continue 1 mile, then take a slight right onto Bell Farm Rd.

House is on the left at the end of Bell Farm Rd.

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship!



**THE ADULT CHOIR** is taking a well deserved break during the summer. If you or anyone you know has a talent to share during the summer worship services see Mardia Long or Phyllis Vice.

**SAVE THE DATES!** We will kick off a new year of Christian Education opportunities on Sunday, September 11th, with Rally Day! Plan to join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. to meet this year's Sunday School teachers. Wonderful Wednesday will begin on September 14th. Everyone is encouraged to join us for these times of fellowship, study and growth together.

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER,** new to our Sunday morning line up, will be a chime choir for 3rd grade and up. We will meet during a part of the Sunday school hour in the third floor bell room. Added plus, the room has a window air conditioner!



**CHECK IT OUT!**



Summer isn't over yet. You still have time to read away the hot weather. The books below are new to our collection. Check them out!

**234 RIP** *The Insanity Of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected* by Nik Ripkan - Not only was Jesus persecuted, so are His followers to this day around the world. This is a heart-breaking, faith-stretching, insider's look at what it means to pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

**277.3 CLA** *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical* by Shane Claiborne - In this book the author invites you into a movement of the spirit that begins in the heart and extends through our hands into a broken world.

**811 ADA** *What Your Heart Needs to Know* by Martha O. Adams - The author leads us through a landscape of compassionate poem after compassionate poem. Through her poetry we encounter life from the other side, from upside down and inside out.

**811.54 WEE** *Putting the Amazing Back in Grace* by Ann Weems - These poems are moving meditations on such life experiences as family, church, community life, friendship, love, hate, bigotry, devotion and responsibility, all informed and supported by Weems' strong Christian faith.

**CH 211 SAS** *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso - This book discusses God's place in the universe and how God touches our world.

**YA FIC BEA** *Serafina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty - In 1899, a twelve year old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore estate teams up with the estate's owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.



**DATE:**

**8/7/16**

**8/14/16**

**8/21/16**

**8/28/16**

**LAY READERS:**

Mardia Long

Kellie Hodges

Gene Holt

Allison Hunter

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:**

Dianne Wallace

Jeanne Whitman

Mary Catherine Williams

Jessie Woods