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Dear friends,

How lucky I am to be celebrating five years serving with you in Pulaski! Over these last five years it has been my greatest blessing to pray with you, to study God's Word together, to watch your children grow, and to find new ways of serving our community. Thank you for being a church with open doors and a huge heart for God and God's people.

I have learned that the traditional 5th anniversary gift is wood. So with gratitude for First Presbyterian Church, I have given a tree in your honor (technically, seedlings) for a community in need through Heifer International. Below you will find a little bit of information about the tree that will help another family flourish. Thank you for your faithfulness, and for welcoming me among your life's journeys.

In Christ,

Melissa McNair-King

This tree gift includes seedlings and saplings of trees appropriate to the region. Recipients are educated on nurturing young trees and the importance of reforestation. Each gift of a tree:

- Provides firewood and fodder
- Yields nutritious fruits and nuts that improve health
- Enriches the soil and purifies the air

A family with a small orchard is able to supplement their diet with delicious fruits and vegetables while becoming self-reliant at the same time. Passing on the seedlings enables communities to continue the cycle of sustainability. Your plant a tree gift ensures a healthy, productive future while fighting poverty and hunger.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will begin their new Bible Study on September 11th, the second Monday of the month. The study book *Cloud of Witnesses: the Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier is \$10 or \$15 for a large print version. The books will be ordered by the 3rd week of August. Please let Phyllis Vice know if you would like a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO THE WORLD Brayden Alexander Goode, born on July 3, 2017 to Julia and Caleb Goode, weighing 7 lb. 9 oz.; twins, August "Gus" Hunter-Palmer and Maxwell "Max" Hunter-Palmer, born on July 7, 2017 to Sarah Hunter and Jane Palmer, weighing 2 lb. 11 oz. and 1 lb. 9 oz. The proud grandparents are John and Allison Hunter.

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, August 6th.

SESSION MEMBERS hosting the after worship fellowships in August are:

August 6th: Mary Catherine Williams

August 13th: Carla Hallstead

August 20th: Bernice Brown



PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the September newsletter no later than Monday, August 21st.

CHURCH PICNIC: On Sunday, August 27th, please join our church family for fellowship, fun and picnic at the home of Eddie and Kathy Hale, 6120 Bell Farm Rd., Dublin, VA 24084. The pool is available from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. with picnic from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., eat at 5:30 p.m. Please bring towels for swimming and a side dish or dessert. Chicken, beverages and picnic supplies will be provided. Directions to home from Rt. 100 in Dublin towards Pearisburg. From Rt. 100, take a left to Rt. 636, Black Hollow Rd., go about a mile, bear right to Bell Farm Rd. (Look for 6120 Bell Farm Rd. mailbox and a summer flag with a watermelon). Then continue on Bell Farm Rd. to first house on left. Kathy said not to rely on GPS.

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 DATE - Rally Day 2017: Make special plans to join us on **Sunday, September 10**, as we kick off another wonderful year of studying the Bible and strengthening our faith through Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesdays. On Rally Day, we'll gather at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and introductions, and move back to our 11 a.m. time for worship. The first night of Wonderful Wednesdays is September 13th.



CHECK IT OUT!



When we hear the word "gospel" we usually think of the first four books of the Bible. One of the definitions found in *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* says "having a basis in or being in accordance with the gospel". Using this definition, the following books in our church library have something to teach us about the gospel. Check them out!

823.9 BRO *Inside Prince Caspian: A Guide to Exploring the Return to Narnia* by Devin Brown - The author explores fascinating symbols, hidden meanings and easily missed details that swirl in and around the return to Narnia.

823.9 BRO *Inside the Voyage of the Dawn Treader: A Guide to Exploring the Journey Beyond Narnia* by Devin Brown - The author takes you through *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* chapter by chapter, offering comments and opinions and uncovering the work's rich meanings.

823.91 WOO *The Gospel According to Tolkien: Visions of the Kingdom of Middle-earth* by Ralph C. Wood - The author shows us that Tolkien's masterpiece is a deeply Christian work.

YA 242 JON *Finding God in a Galaxy Far, Far Away: A Spiritual Exploration of the Star Wars Saga* by Timothy Paul Jones - Join the author on an astounding, eye-opening exploration of the spiritual themes in the *Star Wars* saga. Rediscover awe.

The church library also has the full series by C.S. Lewis of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

The following are new materials to our church library:

232 SIK *Who is Jesus?: What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker - the author invites us to join her on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is, to see Him through different perspectives that impact our understanding of who Jesus is. Also a companion DVD.

265 EVA *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans - In this book the author exposes her own thorny relationship with the church, articulating the concerns, frustrations and hopes of many of her peers.

510.92 SHE *Hidden figures: The American Dream and the untold story of the black women mathematicians who helped win the space race* by Margaret Lee Shetterly. Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black "West Computing" group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most.

CH FIC BUS *Our Great Big Backyard* by Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager - Jane's plans for spending the summer playing video games with her friends are dashed when her parents announce that her family is going on a road trip.

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.

Relay for Life Event was held at the Pulaski County High School stadium on Saturday, June 24th, from 10 a.m. to midnight.





DATE:

8/6/17

8/13/17

8/20/17

8/27/17

LAY READERS:

Ronnie Powers

Bonnie Spivey

Dave Spivey

Chasity Stevens

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Communion

Bernice Brown

Dot Cash

Debi Fox