



# THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Friends,

Some of you know that over the past two years, I have been working with a small group of leaders in our presbytery to study the congregations and communities that make up this stretch of Southwest Virginia. Our ultimate goal is to listen for who God is calling us to be as a presbytery. Why are we joined together as congregations? What is the mission that God has for us? How do we hold one another accountable and support one another? How should we be organized to best accomplish what God requires? That's what we're trying to address.

A few interesting things I've learned along the way...

- Congregations in Presbytery of the Peaks range in size from 4 members to 1205 members. The median size is 48 (which means the majority of our congregations have fewer than 50 members).
- The largest religious affiliation in this part of Virginia is "None" or "Spiritual but not religious." 28% of our neighbors in southwest Virginia describe themselves this way. Baptists are second at 21%. (3.2% of the population identify as Presbyterian)
- There is a strong desire among Elders and Ministers for deeper relationships, connections, and partnerships among congregations and leaders. People want to support one another and work together.

I am so proud that First Presbyterian has a strong history of Elders and members who are involved at the presbytery level. If you'd like to see how our denomination works at a regional level, or are curious to learn more, please reach out to me! I'd love to help you get involved, or give you a ride to a presbytery meeting.

Peace,

Melissa McNair-King

*NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN*

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, October 14th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We are on lesson eight: *God With Us as the Holy Spirit*. Scripture for this lesson is: John 14:1-31. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting. All are welcome. Please join us.

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From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, October 7th, in the Manse at 6 p.m. We are on lesson three of our Bible study of Hebrews. Scripture for this lesson is: Hebrews 1:1-3a; Genesis 1:1-5; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 1:1-5; Hebrews 4:12-13. We will also be discussing mission projects for the year. Dinner will be pizza, we share the cost. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will be collecting \$5 for the PW Mission Pledge. All are welcome to join us.

Presbyterian Women -  
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**WORLD COMMUNION** Sunday is October 6th.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, October 6th, at the end of worship, to approve a nominating committee for 2019. They are: Violet Nash - Chair, Eddie Hale, Tommy Haller, Kathy Weddle and Mary Catherine Williams.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Join us from 5:30-7:30 on Sunday, October 6th, for Bible study, dinner, and games. Please note the new time frame (extended to 7:30), changed by unanimous request from our awesome youth.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** to the church office for the November newsletter no later than Monday, October 21st.



Pastor Melissa has started a study on Revelation for our Wonderful Wednesday gatherings. If you would like to delve deeper or read a different version of the Bible than you usually do, **check out** the books listed below. They will be on display in the church parlor.

**220.52 BIB** The Bible for to-day, John Stirling, ed.

**220.52 COM** Common English Bible: Holy Bible: a fresh translation to touch the heart.

**220.52 GOO** Good News Bible

**220.52 LUC** The Story, NIV: The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people by Max Lucado - This book reveals the unfolding, grand narrative of the Scriptures condensed into 31 accessible chapters. Events are arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation.

**YA 220.52 LUC** The Story, NIV: The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people - Teen Edition by Max Lucado - This book reveals the unfolding, grand narrative of the Scriptures condensed into 31 accessible chapters. Events are arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation.

**220.7 JAM** Commentary: critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments (4 volumes) by Robert Jamieson - Total of four volumes from Genesis to Revelation.

**224.9 LIV** Living prophecies: the minor prophets with Daniel and The Revelation paraphrased. Bible. N.T. Revelation - paraphrases, English.

**225.6 UND** Understanding the books of the New Testament. Contents: New Testament survey; The four Gospels; The Acts; The Pauline letters; Hebrews and general letters; The Revelation.

**236.9 MOR** Eyewitness news: a visit with a visionary by Dale Lindsey Morgan - A dramatization of an interview with John the writer of Revelation - accompanies the 2010 PW Bible Study on Revelation.

**255 SER** Serendipity New Testament for groups New International Version - Includes subject index.

**FIC HAN** The Last Sacrifice by Hank Hanegraaff - One man is martyred. Another is spared, sent from Rome on a ship in the dead of night, armed with a scroll holding answers that can be found only through understanding the divine Revelation.

**Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!  
6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall**

Plan to make Wednesday church nights part of your regular routine! The suggested offering for dinner is \$4/person or \$15/family. This is anonymous, and give-as-you-can. **Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to give.**

Thank you to those who are serving in October:

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Cooking Team</b>   | <b>Clean-Up Team*</b> | <b>Program</b>  |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| October 2   | Carla, Glenn, Karen   | Bernice, Larry        | Revelation 4-5  |
| October 9   | Ron & KD              | Ron, Brenda           | Revelation 6    |
| October 16  | Carla, Glenn, Karen   | Mike, Lance           | Revelation 7-8  |
| October 23  | Violet, Barry, Mardia | Kathy, Bernice        | Revelation 12   |
| October 30  | Chili Cook-Off!       | Larry, Brenda         | Costume Contest |

\*If you have a conflict on your scheduled clean-up night, please find someone to sub or swap with you! Write the changes on the “master schedule” – this is located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Chili Cook-Off & Costume Contest!**

**Calling All Cooks!** Have a great chili recipe? Be part of our cook-off for a great night and an even better cause. Let Julie or Melissa know if you can bring chili for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cook-Off!

**Calling All Tasters!** Do you love good chili? Come be the judge! You will have a chance to sample each entry, then vote with your \$\$\$... Every penny (or dollar, or check) goes straight to the American Cancer Society. Come prepared to eat well and give generously!

And since it’s Halloween...



...wear a costume for our costume contest!  
A variety of categories will be invented by highly esteemed judges.

**Due to a misprint on my part, you get a second chance to test your Bible knowledge with the following quiz. Turn your answers in to Phyllis Vice by October 20. The person/s with the most correct answers will earn their name printed in the November church newsletter along with bragging rights.**

## Who said it?

Can you identify these quotations from the Bible? Tell who said it, to whom, or under what circumstances.

1. "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee."
2. "The voice is Jacob's voice but the hands are the hands of Esau."
3. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior which is Christ the Lord."
4. "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?"
5. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."
6. "Take up thy bed and walk."
7. "Thou are weighed in the balance and found wanting."
8. "Behold the Lamb of God."
9. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."
10. "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."
11. "Woman, behold thy son."
12. "Who shall roll the stone away?"
13. "Suffer the little children to come unto me."
14. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
15. "The place whereon thou standest is holy ground."
16. "The Lord is my shepherd."
17. "Repent! The kingdom of God is at hand."
18. "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."
19. "Do this in remembrance of Me."
20. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."
21. "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."



**DATE:**

**LAY READERS:**

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:**

**10/6/19**

Ashley Hale

Debi Fox

**10/13/19**

Bonnie Spivey

Kathy Hale

**10/20/19**

Connie McMillan

Lynn King

**10/27/19**

Phyllis Vice

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