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“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

How blessed we are – that God has given us a variety of gifts, services, and activities. God has blessed us with a variety of strengths and backgrounds, and set us in community together – so that we can support and help each other. This is true not just for our church – but throughout the body of Christ. This month, the churches of Pulaski County have set aside a Saturday when we can come together and show our unity through service to our neighbors.

On Saturday, September 23, you are invited to be part of the 2nd Annual “Go Pulaski County” day! There are opportunities for all ages and all ability levels to participate, with service projects both indoors and outdoors: from picking up trash, to light maintenance work, to creating care packages. You can register by visiting this website: www.gopulaskicounty.org. If you would like to participate, but do not have internet access, please speak with me – I can help you get registered!

Hope to see you on the 23rd for a wonderful day of serving alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Love,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, September 11th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We will begin the 2017-2018 Bible study on Hebrews, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier. Books have been ordered. See Phyllis Vice for your copy. They are \$10 each. Scripture background for lesson one is: Genesis 13:24; Genesis 1:26-27; Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:14-5:10; Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 7:26-28. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, September 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. All women of the church are invited!

Phyllis Vice will continue leading us in the book study, *Women Who Dare to Believe, Volume II*. Please read lesson seven: Mary, Mother of Jesus, Part Two.

We will have pizza night. Please bring a few dollars for pizza and your favorite beverage. Dessert is provided. Also, bring \$5 for the annual collection for The Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund.



Presbyterian Women –
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, September 3rd.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

YOUTH GROUP: Meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 10, from 5:30-7:00 PM!** We'll have pizza, a devotion, and help clean out the ice cream collection in the church freezer (hey, someone has to do it)! Bring a friend, and come with any ideas you have for the upcoming year that we can do together!

MUSIC MINISTRY: Come and make a joyful noise to God! Our music ministry plays a vital role in leading the congregation in worship each week. Our music leaders are Mardia Long, Phyllis Vice, and Brenda Williams – please speak with them if you'd like to get involved. There are many ways to participate:

- The Chime choir meets each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:15 AM, and is designed for beginners, age 3rd grade and up. Ability to read music is not necessary – you will have a chance to learn! The director is Phyllis Vice, and practice begins September 17.
- The Hand-bell choir meets each Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:00 PM, and is designed for intermediate to beginner players. Anyone who can read easy rhythms/music will fit right in! The director is Phyllis Vice, and practice begins September 5.
- The First Presbyterian Choir leads us in singing each week. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 PM. The choir welcomes friends who are middle-school aged or older, and believes that everyone can sing! The director is Mardia Long, and practice begins on September 6.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the October newsletter no later than Monday, September 18th.

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, October 1st, we will be welcoming to worship with us Rev. Carl Utley, the Interim General Presbyter for Peaks Presbytery. The General Presbyter oversees the life and work of our presbytery and is a support person for all congregations, as we strive to follow Christ together. Make plans to greet Carl during worship - and stay for a potluck lunch to follow!

REMINDER: All church members should be receiving a call from a Session member. We are taking an 'inventory' of the hopes, interests, and needs of our church family, as we strive to be faithful to God's calling for First Presbyterian Church. These "interviews" can happen before or after church, over lunch or coffee, or in your home. Here are the questions you will be asked:

1. When in your life have you felt the sense of deepest connection to God and/or to a church community? What was happening during that time in your life and in the life of the church?
2. What is one wish/hope/dream you have for the future of our church, and how might you play a role in seeing that dream come to fruition?



CHECK IT OUT!



September has traditionally been seen as the month of new beginnings. The start of a new year of Sunday School, back to the 11 a.m. worship time, and the start of new beginnings of the school year, though most students have a couple of weeks under their belts by now. The following books in our church library are for those students who are beginning to think about or face the reality of new beginnings beyond high school. They will be on display in the church parlor during the month of September. Check them out!

YA 248.8 CAM *The Campus Survival Guide: Representing Christ on Campus* written by college students, includes practical advice, tips, stories and inspiration.

YA 248.8 HOL *You are here: A straight-shooting guide to mapping your future* by Danny Holland - You're not here on earth just to breathe, buy neat stuff, and die. You know there's much more to it than that. So why do so many people waste their lives?

YA 248.83 BAX *Following Jesus into College and Beyond* by Jeff Baxter - As soon as you turn 18, you are officially an adult - with all the responsibilities and privileges that come with that all-important birthday. Are you ready for the "real world"?

241.66 ART *Every Young Man's Battle: Strategies for victory in the real world of sexual temptation* by Stephen Arterburn - This book shows how to rise above today's debased, self-seeking culture by examining God's standard, training your eyes and your mind, cleaning up your thought life, and developing a plan.

248.8 YOU *You are your Character* by Isoble Imrie G. Young

The following items are new to our church library collection:

DVD FIC SHA *The Shack* - Based on the best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey after a family tragedy.

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.

YA FIC COT *Ark, The Reed & The Fire Cloud* by Jenny Cote - Max, a Scottish terrier and Liz, a cat from France, become the brave leaders for a group of animals called to journey to the Ark.

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.

Rally Day!

Let's kick off another great year of Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesdays!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10! We will start off with pastries and coffee in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. After a brief devotion to start our year, the Sunday School and Wednesday night teachers will be introduced. Children will have a chance to visit their Sunday School room for the year. Plan to join one of these wonderful classes:

Class	Teacher(s)	Focus
Nursery (birth-2)	Allie Phillips	God loves you!
Preschool-2 nd grade	Barbara & Robbie Roberson	Bible studies follow the lectionary passages for each Sunday
3 rd -6 th grade	Kathy Weddle & Janice Holt	Bible studies follow the lectionary passages for each Sunday
"Parlor Gang" (Adult)	Ashley Hale	Variety of topics – we will start the year with "Presbyterians 101" led by Melissa
Fellowship Class (Adult)	Joe Zagraban	<u>The Questions of Jesus</u> by John Dear (book discussion)

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

This year, we will continue our tradition of family dinners on Wednesday nights. Following dinner, the children will have choir with leaders Mardia Long and Jordan Phillips. The adults will have Bible study with Melissa McNair-King, centered around the book of Romans.

Plan to make Wednesday church nights a part of your regular routine! It is a special time of learning and growing together as a church family.

Thank you to those who are serving in September:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
September 13	Chasity, Julie, Melissa	Joe, Michelle, Ashley	Bible Wheel of Fortune! (all ages)
September 20	Dianne, Phyllis, Martha	Larry, Phyllis, Bernice	Reformation History (joint with Trinity Lutheran Church)
September 27	Chasity & Melissa	Ernie, Barbara, Susan	Introduction to Romans
October 4	Ron, KD, Pam	Andy, Jessie, KD	Bible Study on Romans

Save the Date for our Annual Chili Cook-off! It will be held on Wednesday, October 18!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee will be making and filling tote bags to give to the Cancer Treatment Center or Rehab Center as part of "Go Pulaski County". They would like donations of items to put in the tote bags. The following is a list of supplies they need:

- small coloring books with colored pencils
- crossword, Sudoku & word search books
- magazines like McCall's, Woman's Day, Health, Business Weekly, Mechanic, Readers Digest, Travel, etc. (used)
- journal & pen/pencil
- small note pad (it's hard to remember things during chemo)
- used novels
- inspirational books or cards
- chap stick
- hand lotion (no strong scents, please)
- scarves
- knitted beanies hats or cotton baseball caps
- hard candies (Lemonheads & Peppermints are best) - no candies like red-hot's or strong cinnamon - Chemo makes your mouth burn
- your favorite Bible verse written on a card
- pictures drawn by children with happy wishes
- small mirror in a plastic or rubber case
- snuggly blanket made or purchased with love
- small, soft pillow
- nice cloth hanky
- pocket pack of tissues
- small stylus for playing games on smart phones
- soft socks in men's & ladies' sizes
- small inspirational magnet or wallet card to encourage them

If you have any questions, please ask Ashley Hale or KD Walters.

Presbytery of the Peaks
29th Annual PW Gathering
September 23, 2017

Second Presbyterian Church
214 Mountain Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016

Registration begins 9:00 a.m.

Gathering convenes 10:00 a.m.

“How PW Moves from Talking to Action”

Featuring

Pam Snyder, Keynote Speaker
(2012-2015 Church-wide Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships)

The Honorable Anita J. Price
(Vice Mayor of the City of Roanoke)

Roanoke Youth Symphony String Ensemble
(Providing Special Music)

Installation Leader and Communion Celebrant

The Rev. Elizabeth Link
(Associate Pastor for Christian Education, Second Presbyterian Church)

Mission Opportunities

Attendees invited to bring children’s scarves, caps/hats, and gloves/mittens
For the Presbyterian Community Center, the Rescue Mission, and/or the
Salvation Army

Offering received to benefit Family Promise of Greater Roanoke

PW Favorites

Fair Trade Sale, Zuni Peanuts, and Exhibitors!

August 2017

THE CURRENT NEWS ON THE ARNDT'S MISSION IN KENYA:

Summertime

We've had a busy, but enriching summer thus far! In June, Chase and I traveled to Lukenya, outside of Nairobi, to help out with Camp Blue Sky, a Christian outdoor adventure camp where we've volunteered in summers past. It's always refreshing work simply because it's such different work from what we do day to day and we love the community of campers and counselors. Children and teens from a variety of economic levels and faith traditions attend. The Gospel is taught and presented so authentically at camp and it's a great time getting to know and love the campers that are a part of our cabins for the week. For this week, we both were counselors in the oldest cabins, Kilimanjaro (guys cabin) and Kenya (girls cabin). It was a wonderful week of adventure and fun!

In the middle of June, Audrey traveled to Nairobi to partner with Tumaini Counseling Center in Karen to provide care to missionaries and their families. I (Audrey) co-led a children's program and a teen counseling group, and provided individual counseling to children. This was such a life giving experience for me and I left so encouraged by the team of counselors and psychiatrists, who graciously welcomed me onto their team. James Covey, a friend of ours, connected me to Tumaini as he serves there on staff as a counselor. Not only did I leave with a full heart after being able to work in the field again, but I left with some new and dear friends.

After helping out with the Restore Retreat, Chase joined me in Nairobi and we helped lead an alumni Chronological Bible Storytelling seminar for pastors and church leaders from all over the country. Some of our students from Loitokitok helped in the leading of the program and telling stories and did a really great job. It was also a joy to watch the CBS materials Chase has faithfully worked through be put into the hands of church workers around the country for use in their areas.

Following the pastor seminar, we traveled back toward home and helped with another week of Camp Blue Sky. Chase had a discipleship role helping behind the scenes, encouraging the group of leaders who were serving for the week, participated in some evening dramas, and did some teaching. Audrey was a co-counselor with her friend Melissa with the Meru girls (ages 13-14). During an outdoor living skill session offered to the campers, Audrey instructed campers on how to build fires along with her dear friend Ellie.

We are glad to be back home, although the weather is still cold and cloudy. It was fun to return home and see that the chicken project was producing fresh eggs and the bean project was also in a time of harvest! Our CBS classes and school programs are still progressing well, though the schools are

breaking for one month for their August break. On Saturday we were able to participate in a prayer service for the seniors at the high school where we teach near our home. Kenya's presidential election time is around the corner and we'd love your prayers for Kenya and for a peaceful election on August 8th. We'll continue to teach multiple times per week and be involved in our farm and chicken projects and prepare for classes when schools resume near the end of August.

Prayer Requests:

We'd love for you to pray with us about these things:

- A peaceful election season around the presidential elections on August 8th.
- For the current nurses' strike in public hospitals to end.
- For Chase's parents as they prepare and travel here to visit us soon!
- For our income generating and community projects and for wisdom on how to structure them for the maximum help and success.
- For our continued language development, especially in Swahili.
- For continued unity and strength in our local leadership with CBS and for additional leaders to come alongside of us from within the class so that the course will be sustained.

Each of you are vital to this mission and vision. Thank you for partnering with us!

Surrounded by His grace,
Audrey & Chase
theantiochpartners.org



DATE:

LAY READERS:

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

9/3/17

Ernie Wallace

Communion

9/10/17

Phyllis Vice

Ashley Hale

9/17/17

Ernie Wallace

Lynn King

9/24/17

Joe Zagraban

Doreen Latimer