

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

April 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

Palm Sunday Rewind

With the big spring snow on Palm Sunday; our kids and choir missed out their chance to celebrate the powerful retelling of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. So, April 8, we are going to make time for this and Pastor Brian will share his sermon, "God Entered In."

Camping in Giles

Do you know an elementary age child who does not go to church yet? Invite them to take part in "Camp in the Community." We are looking for sixty of these children who would enjoy a chance to do everything you normally do at a Methodist Church Camp without leaving the county. The dates are July 16-20 and this day camp runs from 9-3 daily. One tremendous aspect to the program is that the Junior Counselors participating are from our congregations and other sister Giles county churches.

Can We Build 20 Kits?

On Sunday, May 27 wouldn't it be great for each child in our church to assemble a mission kit for a child at a Methodist school in Liberia? Yes, most Sundays we have 20 kids in worship, so we are going for 20 kits. Over six weeks we are going to ask for your help in collecting the items so that on the last Sunday in May our kids can go to work. If you or your group would like to provide all 20 of an item; please let Pastor Brian or Sherry Fleeman know.

April 15: 1 - 10/12 pack pens (blue/black) and 1-10/12 pack pencils

April 22: 1 coloring book and 1 - 24 count crayons

April 29: 1 - 12" ruler and 1 small solar powered calculator

May 6: 1 pair flip flops and 1 poncho

May 13: 1 dictionary and 3 spiral notebooks (70 sheet count)

May 20: 1 pack erasers and 1 pack 100-150 sheet notebook paper (wide ruled)

May 27: Pack the kits Sunday

Small Fellowship Hall & Parlor Updates

Construction will begin soon! The trustees have agreed to install a ductless system in these two rooms. This allows each room to have their own thermostat; and the unit will only take up a small space on the wall. This is like the unit we are using in the kitchen. The total cost for the project is \$8,471. The funds came from your donations to the Capital Fund; and special gifts given to the church.



- Apr 2 – Office Closed
- Apr 3 – Mason's Spaghetti Lunch-11am-1pm
- Apr 4 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Apr 11 – Lydia-Susanna Circle – 10am
- Apr 12 – New Friendship Circle – 7pm
- Apr 17 – Prime Timers Dinner – 6pm
- Apr 19 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Apr 22 – Spaghetti Lunch(Take TWO)-12pm

Every Wednesday:

Take TWO – 3:15pm

Handbell Ringers – 6 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers will be having a hot dog dinner on April 17th at 6:00 pm. Following dinner will be a night of Karaoke led by Dave Zimmerman and his team of singers. Come and enjoy the fun!!!

Lenten Offerings

Those small boxes make a huge difference. In years past those offerings enabled our church to bless needy children and older adults, spread the gospel and share the love of Christ. Your donations this year will continue that same pattern. We are asking that all boxes be turned in by Monday, April 9 so that the Missions Team can get the money into the hands of those who need it quickly.

Questions for Billy

One aspect of Billy Graham's ministry was his newspaper column. Over the years, five questions rose to the top as the most asked. Are we living in the last times? What is the rapture? What happens the first minute after we die? Is it Ok for a Christian's body to be cremated? Does a Christian have to tithe (give away 10%)? Perhaps you know someone with the same questions. Pastor Brian will use these questions for a series of sermons after Easter.

Lighting Update

We qualified for the rebate. Yes, Appalachian Power is covering a part of the cost of replacing the fluorescent bulbs in 64 fixtures on the first floor of the church. The wiring work is complete; and we are now installing the new bulbs.

Complete!

The closing for empty lot is complete. The \$25,000 check is in the bank. Thanks to Dave Zimmerman, Barbara Scheid and Carol Lavinder for all their assistance with the paperwork. Yes, we are setting this money aside for long-term improvements. This is not being used for daily financial needs of the church. We want to use it in a way that increases the value of property.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

<i>Peggy Barnett</i>	<i>Juanita Croy</i>
<i>Dot Eaton</i>	<i>Thomas W. Fuller</i>
<i>Rodney Gusler</i>	<i>George Mann</i>
<i>Everette Martin</i>	<i>Eleanor Mathena</i>
<i>George Patterson</i>	<i>Robert Richard</i>
<i>Pat Stone</i>	

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received March a year ago.....	\$ 18,865.00
Received March	\$ 15,017.00
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 57,879.86
Received Y-T-D	\$ 49,429.50

Children's Consignment Sale

April 21, 9 am – 1 pm. Families can shop for great deals on quality, gently used baby, kids', and maternity clothes, toys, games, books, room decor, baby gear, bikes, sports equipment and more! Get what you need for your kids at prices you can afford. For more information including how to sell some of your items contact Diana Israel at pfumckidsale@gmail.com



Easter 2018: Living Cross: Before Sunday, you will look in front of the church and find an ugly cross covered in wire. It reminds of us the pain and suffering of Christ. Then on Easter morning as you bring your cut flowers and lay them at the foot of the cross; it becomes transformed. By the time our worship starts, the cross will be covered in flowers. A living cross that symbolizes hope, love, joy, everlasting life. Yes, life worth living.

10:55 am Worship revolves around the foundation of our Christian faith; we believe in the resurrection. Hear it proclaimed as our children sing that truth in the opening moments of worship. Let it ring anew in you as the hand bells chime out the good news. Savor it with your eyes as you see the flowers fill the altar. Yes, it our vision that all who come to worship Sunday will have their hearts run over by the transforming power of the resurrection.

In Memoriam
Rodney R. Gusler
January 10, 2018

Our condolences go out to the family of Rodney Russell Gusler at his passing. Rodney was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since March 22, 1964.

In Memoriam
Robert K. Richard
February 17, 2018

Our condolences go out to the family of Robert Ketron Richard at his passing. Robert was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since March 30, 1958.

In Memoriam
Patricia Stone
March 2, 2018

Our condolences go out to the family of Patricia Stone at her passing. Pat was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since March 19, 1972.

In Memoriam
Everette M. Martin
March 6, 2018

Our condolences go out to the family of Everette Malcolm Martin at his passing. Everette was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since May 12, 1946.

In Memoriam
Peggy Barnett
March 25, 2018

Our condolences go out to Bobby Barnett and family at the passing of his wife, Peggy Barnett. Peggy was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since June 8, 1941.

Give BIG NRW

4.18.18 is the date this year for this tremendous fund-raising event. Last year 35 individuals gave online to this event to the Giles County Christian Service Mission and helped the mission raise over \$3,000. Also, the mission received an extra \$1,000 for the number of people who came through the mission that day to celebrate the ministry.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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