

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

August 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

Dreams for 2019

The event in July was a success. At least half of the children who took part in this event had no church home. Thank you for praying. A radical dream for 2019 is unfolding. Could we sponsor two weeks of this day camp in Giles County? The Board of Directors of Sheffey Camp Meeting already has thrown their support behind hosting one of the weeks. To begin laying the groundwork for this vision, God would need to provide \$6,000 in grants and donations. Also, the best connection we had for getting the children to make connections with local churches is our adult and high school volunteer counselors. Praying the Spirit of Jesus would continue to guide us on how to bring the news of the love of Christ to those who are not-yet part of a faith fellowship.

10 Year Anniversary!

Yes, this September is a time for celebration. Ten years ago, our church took a step of faith and agreed to form a partnership with Loretta Oakley and Tina Hedrick. Their preschool moved to our facility and the sounds of children filled our halls daily. The preschool continues. This fall 18 children are signed up to learn about Jesus and grow academically. For more information contact Tina Hedrick 921-7114.

Projects in Motion

A local Boy Scout continues to complete the planning and recruitment of volunteers to install a fence along one side of the church playground, replace the roof on the original playground set and install "The Loretta Oakley Playground" memorial bench.

Darrin Light is the contractor approved by the trustees to make the improvements to the parsonage. Work is set to begin in September. This is a project presented by Charles Lockerby 18 years ago. It would bring this 1955 home into compliance with a handicap bathroom and more effective use of space.

Bike Rodeo

Friday, August 24, children are invited to bring their bikes to church and take part in our Fall Bike Rodeo. No, we will not be riding bulls, roping calves or barrel racing. However, we will give each child an opportunity to show off their skills and learn a little about bike safety. Tracy & Troy Ferguson are arranging donations of prizes right now.

An Appalachian Church & a Nerdy Pastor

Do you want to help write a series of Sunday School lessons? Pastor Brian is putting together a six-week study of the book of 1 Timothy for distribution. All that is asked is that you and your class go through the material and add your comments. Three of our sermons in August will also come from this material.



- Aug 1 – Men’s Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Aug 3 – Rummage Sale
- Aug 4 – Rummage Sale – 8am - 1pm
- Aug 16 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Aug 20 – Lord’s Acre Meeting – 6pm
- Aug 24 – Bile Rodeo

Every Wednesday:

Handbell Ringers – 6 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

(Primer Timers program will resume in September.)

Applebutter Time

With applebutter making time just around the corner (**9/15/18**), the Lord’s Acre group is requesting your donations to off-set cost of canning jar supplies. The reimbursement goal is **\$531**. You may drop donations into offering plate or by the church office during the month of August. Any amount will be appreciated and will help to create increased profits from applebutter sales. Please mark your donations to “Lord’s Acre.” Thanks, and remember to “**save the date**” for applebutter making....it is a project that requires many hands, young and old!

Jan Houck and Debbie Taylor,
Lord’s Acre chairpersons

Clarity Eye Care 5K/10K Run & Quilt

Year 5 of this community fund-raising event is set for Saturday, August 18. \$19 for 5K and \$29 for 10K race. Childcare provided for kids 2 years old and above. Sign up before August 2 to avoid price-increase. The race begins in downtown Pearisburg and makes a gentle loop through Fort Branch and Pearisburg Community Center. You can register online. In addition, this year, you can win a home-made quilt. This quilt made by Nick Clark’s mother is being raffled off to raise money for ovarian cancer research. Tickets are \$2 each. The winner will be drawn at the conclusion of the race; you do NOT have to be present to win.

Take TWO

Teresa Fields, Debbie Leet, Kim Mills and Emily Moyer are evaluating our Wednesday afternoon after-school ministry as it begins its fifth year. Each year modifications and expansions to the program take place which improve our ability to love, teach and allow our children to grow in their faith. If you would like to volunteer or make some recommendations on how to continue improve this proven blessing, please contact one of our leaders. This year’s Bible stories do sound yummy. Each week the Bible lesson revolves around a piece of candy. For instance, one week involves a Snicker’s Bar and talks about how Jesus really satisfies.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

Eugene Altizer

Wylene Gunn

Trudy House

Ralph Lucas (on Father's Day)

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received July a year ago.....	\$ 21,995.75
Received July	\$ 25,097.75
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 136,021.45
Received Y-T-D	\$ 132,499.75

Macy Backpack Ministry

Thanks to you, enough food for September is already on hand. An annual need is new backpacks. The Tuesday, October 9 will be our next shopping and packing day. Your monetary donations keep this outreach succeeding. If you would like to donate food, consider microwaveable meals like macaroni and cheese or soup. Thirty of each item makes the whole process flow best.

<i>In Memoriam</i> Gertrude House May 2018
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Our condolences go out to the family of Gertrude House at her passing. Trudy was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since September 8, 1991.

Alphabet of Scriptures

Our Children's Sunday School is learning 26 bible verses. One for each letter of the alphabet. 5 of the students each week have memorized the recommended verse. How well can you do on these? Each memorized verse gets you a prize.

- Him that comes to me, I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37b
- I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. John 14:6b
- Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you might believe in him whom he sent." John 6:29
- Knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7c
- Look to me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! Isaiah 45:22a

Fall Standards

You know it is fall because our church begins its fall triathlon: Yard Sale, Apple Butter and Lord's Acre.

Saturday, August 4 from 8 am -1 pm is our annual Youth Yard Sale. Donations continue to arrive daily. Early sales are encouraged. Drop off your gifts and fill your car back up again. Support our youth so they may attend Resurrection 2019.

Apple Butter: 6am-9pm Saturday, September 15 a double batch of apple butter goes into production. Last year we finished earlier than normal. One reason was the large number of volunteers who came out to make this one long work PARTY.

Lord's Acre, 6 am – 2 pm Saturday, October 6 ham biscuits, fried pies, hotdogs, homemade crafts and produce from local gardens all goes on sale at the Pearisburg Community Center.

Golf Cart For Sale



\$3,000 OR best offer received by the end of the Day on August 4
2007 Yamaha, Model YDR (The Drive), 48volt Electric

Immaculate condition

Color: Moonstone Silver with Stone Beige seats

Includes ball washer, charger, and club cover

For more information or to place an offer contact:

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