

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

September 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

It's Happening!

Playground: The work takes place this week. A fence to slow down children before they get to the road, a memorial bench for parents to sit and watch, a new roof for the original playset and a fresh layer of mulch. Rejoicing for the leadership of Justin Ballard who is doing this as a part of his work towards becoming an Eagle Scout.

Parsonage: 18 years ago, the dream was written down to either purchase a new home for our pastors or improve it. Jan Houck and her construction side-kick Debbie Taylor are keeping up with our contractor Darrin Light as this work progresses. The new plan creates a first-floor bedroom and bathroom that are handicap accessible. This also transforms three small closets into a walk-in closet. Construction should be finished in the coming weeks.

Let's Meet September 9

After lunch, our goal is simple: complete the 14 annual forms for charge conference. In the process, we are going to lay the groundwork for our dreams over the next year.

Nominations: Who will lead our church in 2019? Our church attempts to bring in new leaders to serve in three-year cycles.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Make a recommendation to Church Council on salaries for 2019 for all members of our church staff. They will also review the medical and travel accountable reimbursement policies. They will also review reports on continuing education for the pastor.

Finance Committee: will develop a budget for 2019 that creates funding for our dreams and operates within the amount currently given to our church. They will also approve annual IRS required forms.

Missions Team: will summarize their work in 2018 and share their dreams for the coming year.

Trustees: Will complete forms indicating the status of our property insurance, handicap accessibility in the church, status of the parsonage, and inspect our church.

Children's Ministry, Take TWO, Vacation Bible School: Review our policy that protects our children from harm while in our midst.

5th Grade Parents: Our bubble of fifth-graders is here. This group can determine our youth group for the next seven years. How do you see them being involved in weekly youth meetings, in Resurrection and taking part in confirmation?

Church Council: At the conclusion of all these meetings, this group of 19 will approve the 2019 budget, the nominations and rejoice in all the work that Christ is doing in our midst.



- Sept 3 – Office Closed – LABOR DAY
- Sept 5 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Sep 12 – Lydia-Susanna – 10 am
- Sept 13–Catholic Church Salad Lunch–11-1
- Sept 15 – Applebutter Making – 5am
- Sept 17 – Lord's Acre Meeting – 6pm
- Sept 18 – Prime Timers Program – 6pm
- Sept 19 – Take TWO Resumes – 3:30pm
- Sept 20 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Sept 27 – Charge Conference
- Sept 29 – Kids' Consignment Sale

Every Wednesday:

Handbell Ringers – 6 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Our Denomination's Future

Thursday evening September 27 is an evening you want to clear. That night is Charge Conference. This year's meeting will rapidly deal with the required business. Then it is your turn to speak. In February 2019, eight hundred delegates from around the globe will meet to discuss the future of our denomination. One of those delegates lives in Giles County. Not only is Rev. Kim Goddard going, she is the chair of our regional delegation. For charge conference, she is going to share about what options the church is being offered this February and listen to your thoughts. This is truly a chance to have your voice heard.

Applebutter Time

Applebutter making time is near! Plans are underway for apple butter making **on 9/15/18 beginning at 5am** under the picnic shelter. Supply lists for donations of sugar and cash for purchase of propane are posted in the narthex and on bulletin board outside the choir room. Please return supplies/cash to church no later than Thursday, September 13.

Most importantly, volunteers will be needed throughout the day to maintain stirring of the 2 kettles and then jarring of the finished product. Please let us know of your availability-it is vital to our success!

We will be washing jars on Thursday, September 13, beginning at 5pm in the kitchen. We appreciate any and all who can help.

The Lord's Acre group is in need of apples to use for our fried pies. Please let us know if you have access to, or excess apples.

Mark your calendar for the Lord's Acre Sale on **Saturday, October 6, beginning at 7am at Pearisburg Community Center. There will be booths inside and outside for your shopping pleasure.**

Jan Houck and Debbie Taylor,
Lord's Acre Chairpersons

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Richard Jennings
Carlton Oakley*

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received August a year ago.....	\$ 17,594.42
Received August	\$ 17,268.00
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 153,615.87
Received Y-T-D	\$ 149,767.75

Let's Eat

Barbeque, baked beans, potato salad, potato casserole, chips and desserts make up the meal for this fund-raising meal. The money raised will send forth a group from our church to attend Jubilation in the spring of 2019. Thanks for your donations, Sunday, September 9 after worship.

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers will start off the season with a dinner of Jo Ann's delicious chicken and dumplings!!! Side dishes are needed to go with the dumplings. In order to have enough dumplings, please let Sandy Peters know if you are attending and the dish you will be bringing. Call her at 434-219-9913 by Wednesday, September 12. The dinner will be followed by the beautiful, inspirational music of Connie Richardson at 7pm. If you cannot come to the dinner, you are welcome to come to the singing. Mark your calendars for September 18!!!

Can You Share?

Have you seen an "aha!" moment or a "hallelujah" moment in a meeting or study or discussion when you knew that the Spirit had broken through a wall and that the future would be different after that moment? Over the next two weeks our church staff is collecting these stories to share. We would love to have your story of experiences here at Pearisburg First UMC.

Enough

This September take care of yourself. Lean into the truth of the simple life. Jesus came to give us an abundant life. Your day to day life is filled with messages inviting you to complicate your existence with waste. Learn the biblical model for avoiding waste and enjoying abundance. Pastor Brian will be using the material from Adam Hamilton's book "Enough" as a starting point for our common adventure to live the simple life. The four-week series begins September 9 and forms an ideal time for you to invite a friend to worship.

Preschool News

The church phone rings daily. Parents call, asking if there is still room in our preschool. Tina Hedrick is ready. This year her assistant is Teresa Perdue. Teresa began teaching preschool as a senior in high school. For years, she ran a preschool out of her home in Ripplemead. Now she is on our team bringing her skills, love and faith. Looking forward to another year of lives changed.



Take TWO Children's Program

Will begin on Wednesday, September 19

**Exciting "candy" based fall curriculum
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2018-2019 Coordinator – Teresa Fields



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