

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

November 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

Worship

All Saints Day, November 4

As we give thanks for these church members who died in the last year, let us rejoice in the future God has for them and us.

Ted Lafon
 Rodney Gusler
 Lewis Edward Martin
 Robert Richard
 Patricia Ratcliffe Stone
 Everette Martin
 Peggy Stafford Barnett
 J. Gordon Hylton Jr.
 Gertrude House
 Emma Fuller

Armistice Day

One hundred years ago a world-wide event of joy took place. A cease fire between Germany and the Allied forces was signed at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month. This November 11, you are in

Thanksgiving Celebration

Those famous Plymouth Pilgrims after their first year in the New World paused to give thanks to God for his incredible mercy. It was only by his power that they had made it alive and had provisions to make it through their second winter. This year join with us during worship that morning and a meal that evening to give thanks for the mercy and power of the same God our Father who has given us so much.

Parsonage

Jim Hankins and his family lived in this home when the carport was added. Fred & Vivian Austin lived in this home longer than anyone else. Ronnie & Pasty Mutter lived there when new bedroom furniture was purchased. The Burch family is the 16th family in the home started by the Dawsons in 1955. Over the last two years your trustees gave the entire first floor of this church property a full make-over. Come by Sunday, November 4 from 1-4 pm and celebrate what God has done.

Fall Festival Day

November 11 is the big day. Children come out to the church and get ready to give thanks for all the fun parts of fall. This includes a hot chocolate bar. See you 1-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Moving Music

Christmas Eve will include candlelight and communion. One other addition is this year's Choir Cantata. See you at 6 p.m. December 24. Amahl and the Night Visitors Opera: Yes, Rhonda Frazier is hosting an opera! It involves a host of children, our choir, and Giles High School Chorale members. Friday evening, January 11 and Sunday afternoon, January 13 are times for the two performances.



- Nov 7 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Nov 8 – Church Council Meeting – 6pm
- Nov 10 – Potato Drop – 11am
- Nov 11 – Fall Festival
- Nov 13 – Lydia-Susanna – 10am
- Nov 13 – Prime Timers Program – 6pm
- Nov 15 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Nov 21-23 – OFFICE CLOSED

Every Wednesday:

Take TWO – 3:30-6:00 pm
 Handbell Ringers – 6 pm
 Amahl Rehearsal – 6:45 pm
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:10 pm

Take Two

Yes! This is what we love to see. Forty or more kids every Wednesday for the last five weeks are making up our after-school program. Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, and recreation are joined with a new activity. This group of kids are now filling the Macy Backpacks. Teresa Fields and her host of volunteers transport, feed, bless and transform these children each week. Rejoicing that Jesus allowed us to be used. PS With more kids more adults are needed.

Helping Others

Potato Drop: Saturday November 10, we are among the community volunteers helping to assemble and transport donated potatoes to the Giles Mission. We will meet at the church at 11 a.m. and finish up at the Mission.

Food for Thanksgiving Boxes: Turkey, stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Canned pumpkin, Pie crust, Canned yams, and Sweetened condensed milk are the items we are collecting to help feed the hungry this Thanksgiving. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and in the Education wing. On November 14 these will be taken to the Giles Mission.

Angel Tree: Do you want to help a child in our community experience the overwhelming joy of Christ's birth? You can adopt a child! Contact the church office to be added to the list. You will get the child's clothing size, and their dreams for possible gifts.

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes): Last year over sixty gift boxes were put together by our church community. Thirty-five are already under construction. Your gifts of toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, bar soap, wash clothes, deodorant, lip balm, nail clippers, clothing items, shoes/flip flops, notepads, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, small flashlights or small blankets are helpful. We will also need \$9 per box for shipping and evangelization material. All boxes need to be at the church by Tuesday, November 13th.

Give Thanks!

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith and commitment to Christ and His Church,

MY/OUR 2019 COMMITMENT IS \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one)

MY/OUR 2019 EXTRA MILE for Capital Funds is \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone(_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time at my request.

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received October a year ago.....	\$ 21,291.24
Received October	\$ 17,787.05
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 192,146.61
Received Y-T-D	\$ 187,139.05

Thank You!!!!

To everyone that has prayed, called, visited, or sent cards during my illness, I want to thank each and every one of you. I am truly blessed and on the mend, although I have a ways to go. Keep up the prayers and God bless each and every one of you.

Carl Adams



Celebrating 100 Years

Ginny Lucas turned 100 on October 11th. She was a member of this church for 72 years before moving to Roanoke to live with Becky and Ronnie

Young at Heart

November 15 is our big day this Thanksgiving month. So, in keeping with the theme turkey dinners are being prepared. Come join us for lunch that day at noon. In December we will be featuring a ham dinner. January & February let's try an experiment. Instead of battling the weather and attempting to get seniors to come to church for lunch; we will plan on only delivering the meals of hot soup for these two months.

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers program and dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 pm. The menu is soup and cornbread. The speaker for the evening will be Shannon Hammons with New River Valley Agency on Aging.

Macy Backpack Program

We will be packing food on November 14th at 9:30 am for the Macy backpack ministry. Food or monetary donations are always welcome. Can you spare an extra pop top can of soup or microwave oatmeal? For other suggestions contact Teresa Fields at formacykids@gmail.com.
Big News: we just qualified for a \$1,164 grant.

Lord's Acre Update

"God is good, all the time."

With tremendous support and help from many, we are ending our year on a very positive note. Applebutter sales currently have netted ~ \$3027.50, with 18 quarts remaining for purchase. If these are not sold over the next 2 weeks, re-canning into pints will occur, and available for sale at \$5 each.

The Lord's Acre Sale day and post-sale profits netted over \$4650. Our recent fried pie making has also been a great financial venture, with 430 apple and cherry pies made, netting over \$940! (Some late deposits still pending).

Discussions are underway with how our funds will be dispersed, as 10% of our Lord's Acre sale profits go to support missions, both within our church and in the community.

We thank you for your continued support of the Lord's Acre Projects. Without you, we could not continue.

Jan Houck, and Debbie Taylor,
Lord's Acre Chairpersons

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