

THE ABBEY NEWS



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FROM THE PASTOR

This month, I'd like to offer you a blessing to keep nearby. Use this as a prayer in the morning to give you a little boost!

“For a Little Boost in the Morning” by Kate Bowler

Today is new, oh God,
The light is gathering and spilling onto everything.
The sleeping and the sleepy.
The trees brushing the window.
Even the unwashed dishes know it's time.

What a gift.
Unopened.

Lord, you know the obstacle course ahead.
The intractability of most of my problems.
The irritations I will need to smile through.
The forgetfulness that will undo my best efforts.
And the fights I will need to pick because
Someone really should.

But bring me back to this moment, God.
The gratitude that rises up within me
Lifts my eyes and settles my soul.
Resurrection has happened again today—
You made the sun rise,
And brought love to the world already,
In the shape of a cross.

The hardest work is already done.
The work that remains is simply more of it:
More love, more trust,
More faith in the unseen pleasure you take
Just gazing at us, sitting here.
We look ahead at a day that we can't control
But will be, somehow, already yours.



We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!



We will Celebrate Holy
Communion on Sunday, July
30th.



JULY SERMONS

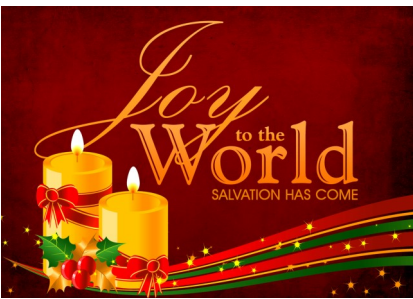
2: Acts 17:1-9 “Turning the
World Upside Down”

9: Mel Davis Preaching

16: Acts 21:1-14 “Thy Will be
Done”

23: Christmas in July

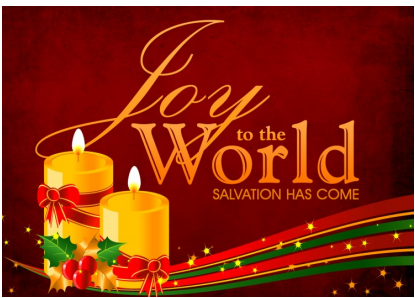
30: Acts 28:23-31: “The Holy
Spirit was Right”



Isaiah 9:6 KJV

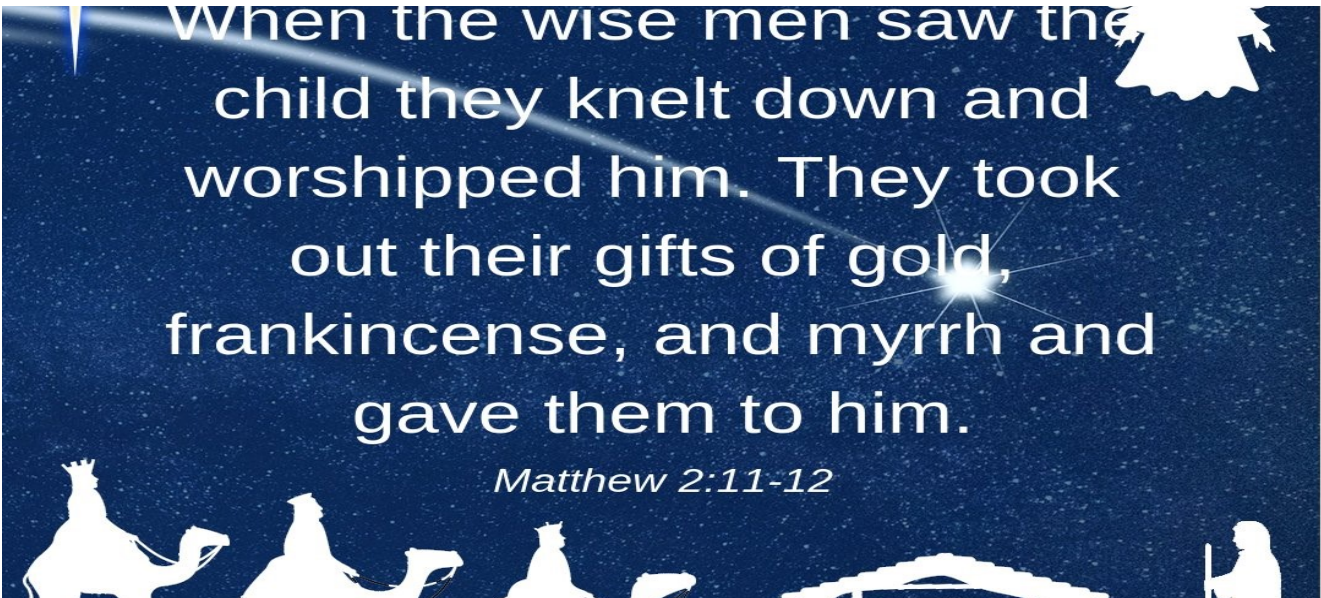
“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”





TREASURER’S REPORT

May Receipts:	\$ 10,389.68
Expenses	11,470.63
	- 1,080.95
YTD Receipts:	\$ 64,562.49
Expenses	62,843.85
	+ 1,718.64
God Bless You all for your generous giving!	



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women will not meet during the month of July. We will have our first meeting of the new calendar year on August 7th, 2023. This will be an organizational meeting and we will preview our new Bible study. We will also begin to fill our calendar with special mission projects that are close to our hearts! We will be working on the Apple Festival events! Mark your calendars for this most important meeting!

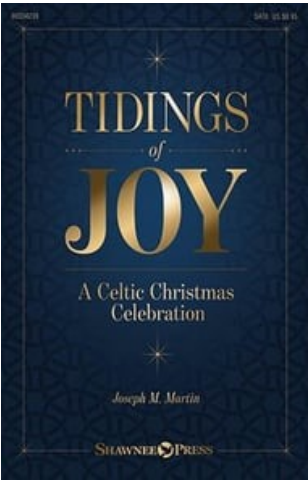


These are a few of the missions that we helped during our last year of PW! Come join us for a new year of service in Christ’s Love!

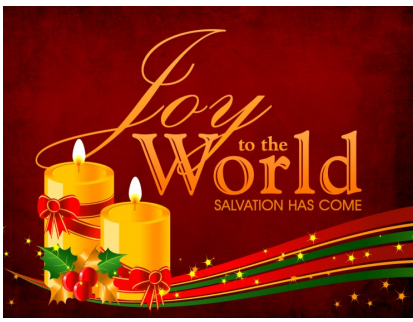


Session will not meet this month, but we are here for YOU! Please reach out to us with any suggestions, concerns or needs.

Clerk: Kim Burden
Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan
Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault
Property: John Merritt
Stewardship/Finance: Shepherd Chuites
Congregational Care: John Johnston



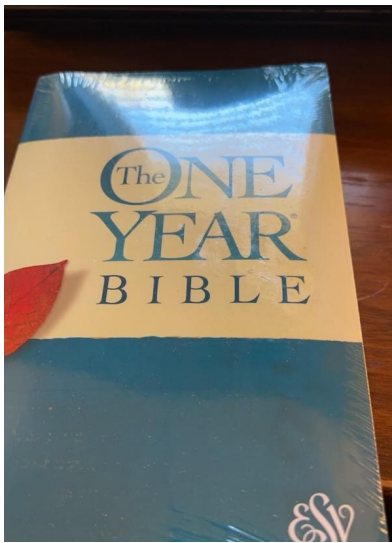
We are so excited to announce our Christmas cantata to you all! It is a beautiful work by Joseph Martin using Celtic music with wonderful narration recounting the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Our choir will begin working on this very soon! Look for more information about rehearsals coming soon! Merry Christmas!



VBS 2023!



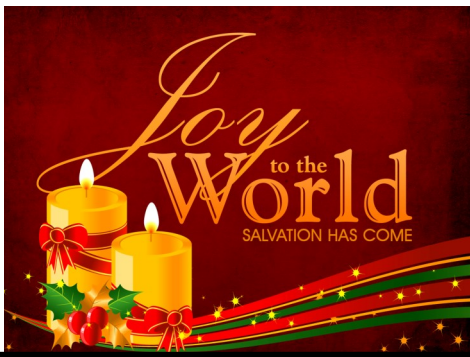
We were so blessed with a wonderful group of children and many awesome volunteers to make our VBS such a great experience for our children! Thank You All!!!



We pray that you all are enjoying our Bible in a Year study! We have heard many positive comments as to how our study is uniting us in daily prayer and devotion and it is getting us all into God's Word each and every day! Keep reading, praying, learning and living into those beautiful words!

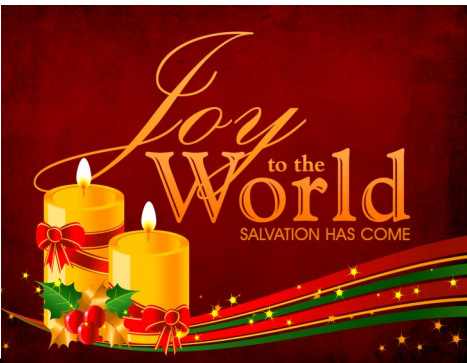


Rev. Audrey will be offering a **morning** (9:30 am) devotional once a week to introduce some of the topics she will cover in her sermons each week! This is a great time to get together and discuss topics on line and/or just hear a bit of encouragement to get you through the week!



VBS 2023!





Dates to Remember!

Happy Birthday for the month of July

- 7-4 Fourth of July
- 7-5 Dot’s Kitchen
- 7-11 Dot’s Kitchen
- 7-23 Christmas in July
- 7-30 Communion



- 2 Steve Moore
- 4 Jane Thomas
- 5 Sam Dillard
- 6 Marie Dunnam
- 10 Ash Reese
- 12 Clayton Haynes
- 21 Jim McMillan, Sandra Powell
- 27 Anna Marie Moore



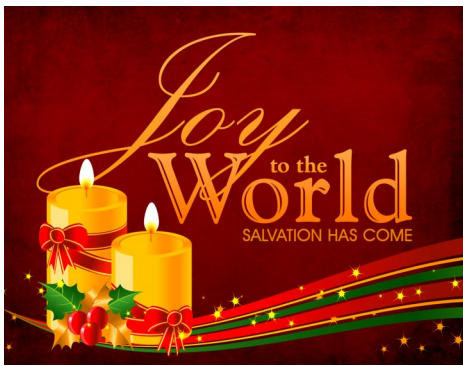
Greetings from Montreat!



Mary Nell Todd is enjoying a summer working at the Sally Jones Pottery Center in Montreat! She is also singing in the Staff choir so if you find yourself up that way, look for her and say hi! She sends her gratitude to our church family with a big heart who have been an instrument in preparing her for a summer

BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

Date`	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
1	2 Kings 18:13-19:37	Acts 21:1-16	149:1-9	18:18
2	2 Kings 20:1-22:2	Acts21:17-36	150:1-6	18:9-10
3	2 Kings 22:3-23:30	Acts 21:37-22:	16 1:1-6	18:11-12
4	2 Kings 23:31-25:30	Acts 22:17-23:10	2:1-12	18:13
5	1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17	Acts 23:11-35	3:1-8	18:14-15
6	1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4	Acts 24:1-27	4:1-8	18:16-18
7	1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17	Acts 25:1-27	5:1-12	18:19
8	1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81	Acts 26:1-32	6:1-18	18:20-21
9	1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40	Acts 27:1-20	7:1-17	18:22
10	1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14	Acts 27:21-44	8:1-9	18:23-24
11	1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18	Acts 28:1-31	9:1-12	19:1-3
12	1 Chronicles12:19-14:17	Romans 1:1-17	9:13-20	19:4-5
13	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36	Romans 1:18-32	10:1-15	19:6-7
14	1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17	Romans 2:1-24	10:16-18	19:8-9
15	1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30	Romans 2:25-3:8	11:1-7	19:10-12
16	1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32	Romans 3:9-31	12:1-8	19:13-14
17	1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11	Romans 4:1-12	13:1-6	19:15-16
18	1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34	Romans 4:13-5:5	14:1-7	19:17
19	1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30	Romans 5:6-12	15:1-5	19:18-19
20	2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17	Romans 6:1-23	16:1-11	19:20-21
21	2 Chronicles 4;1-6:11	Romans 7:1-13	17:1-15	19:22-23
22	2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10	Romans 7:14-8:8	18:1-15	19:24-25
23	2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19	Romans 8:-21	18:16-36	19:26
24	2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22	Romans 8:22-39	18:37-50	19:27-29
25	2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14	Romans 19:1-21	19:1-14	20:01
26	2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34	Romans 9:22-10:13	20:1-9	20:2-3
27	2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37	Romans 10:14-11:12	21:1-13	20:4-6
28	2 Chronicles 21:1-223:21	Romans 11:13-36	22:1-18	20:07
29	2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28	Romans 12:1-21	22:19-31	20:8-10
30	2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27	Romans 13:1-14	23:1-6	20:11
31	2 Chronicles 29:1-36	Romans 14:1-23	24:1-10	20:12



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that made our VBS such a great success!! The tie-dye t-shirt craft was a BIG hit! The children were offered so many great crafts, Bible lessons, hours of fun outside recreation and Music to praise God! Our volunteers also prepared a meal each night for the children followed by a great hotdog and hamburger cookout on our closing night!

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!



Town Prayer Meeting! Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster. There will be a guest minister each week. This was started by one person who felt the need for prayer in our town. It has grown and continues to be a light in our community!



Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Erin Wood (Wendy Linhart's daughter, who has been deployed to serve our country, Bentley Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Cathy Mianardi (cousin of Debbie Therriault), Patsy Morgan, Debbie Thrift, and Sara Goodno and family.

Your Session has been having monthly devotionals on a wonderful study called "The Sailboat Church". We have all felt that our church family, while certainly is a praying church, could be an even BETTER praying church! Scriptures tell us to "Pray without ceasing" and "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."



Debbie Therriault has placed the names of all church members in the narthex at church. Please take a name, or a few names, and pray earnestly for them! You don't have to bring them back, Debbie will refill the bowl as needed. Also, there is a container for you to leave your spoken or unspoken prayer request.



Join us for **Christmas in July!** Mark your calendars for **July 23rd!** We will meet for worship and Holy Communion at 11 am and then to Gossett Hall for a delicious Christmas dinner! Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side and/or dessert, or just yourself and come join the fellowship as we celebrate our Savior's birth, again!! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**



We continue to see God's Hand moving in and through our WHC Mission. We are so pleased to report that the first and second reading for the purchase of the Riley St. property passed unanimously!!! God is working!



THANK YOU REV. BRILEY



Thank you to Rev. Dr. Nath Briley for leading us in worship while Rev. Audrey was away. It was a pleasure to have you and your wife, Amy with us! We hope you come back and join us very soon!

