

Welcome Home! Come Walk With Us!



Northside

NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

February 2017

Blacksburg, Virginia

From the Pastor's Desk....



Dear Friends,

As you know, the Session and Deacons have worked together as a Discernment Team to pray and ponder the future to which God is leading Northside.

At the Officers' Retreat Saturday we viewed a documentary, "When God Left the Building," about the issues facing churches all over the country in the 21st Century. Those who watched this video thought it was a powerful wake-up call for churches, and they believe that ALL members of our congregation should see it.

Therefore, the Session has set an important date for us all:

Discernment Sunday February 26, 2017

We will have an abbreviated worship service followed by refreshments and viewing the documentary. A period of discussion will follow, and you will get caught up on the progress of our discernment process. We will tell you more about a consultant who is coming to work with us.

We are praying and working toward transformation of our church, and EVERYONE needs to be involved. You will be getting a personal invitation from the church to come on February 26 to join in. This is important, whether you come to church every week, or have not attended in a long time. I hope you will come, and lend your support to this endeavor.

Peace,

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

11:15 A.M. – Sunday School

USHERS

Feb. 5: Joe & Kay Hunnings

Feb. 12: Steve Cole & Ron Pearson

Feb. 19: Lisa Garcia & Ty Stephenson

Feb. 26: Hunter & Sandy Hancock

FLOWERS

Feb. 5: COMMUNION

Feb. 12: Anne & John Kuykendall

Feb. 19: Jane & J. B. Jones

Feb. 26: Libby & Dave Meincke

Officers On Call

Jan. 29-Feb. 4: Paul Ruszler,
540-951-0123

Feb. 5-11: Clark Gaylord. 540-641-1439

Feb. 12-18: Heidi Harper, 540-392-0057

Feb. 19-25: Steve Cole, 540-953 0434

Feb. 26-Mar. 4: Paul Ruszler,
540-951-0123

THE CHAMPION'S CREED

I am not judged by the number of times I fail, but by the number of times I succeed. And the number of times I succeed is in direct proportion to the number of times I can fail and keep trying!

-Tom Hopkins, Sale trainer and writer.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 5: Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matt. 5:13-20

Feb. 19: Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23
Matt. 5:38-48

Feb. 12: Duet. 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Cor. 3:1-9
Matt. 5:21-37

Feb. 26: Ex. 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matt. 17:1-9

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS !

- 2 Bob Martin
- 3 Jean Robeson
- 5 Eli Taylor
- 8 Marie Conner
Yeonsook Koo
Boy Scouts of America
- 9 Marshall Chaney
- 12 Joe Lineweaver
Donald McClintock
- 15 Rachel Morrow
- 19 Quinn Hull
- 21 Jean Vines
- 22 Liz Allen
- 28 Marsha Bowen



If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Interfaith Food Pantry needs help in stocking their pantry.

Let's remember to bring food to the church to fill our barrel and help those less fortunate

Souper Bowl of Caring



- Founded** 1990
- Founder** Rev. Dr. Brad Smith
- Focus** Hunger, Poverty, Youth Service
- Location** Houston, Texas, United States
- Area served** North America (Some participants worldwide)
- Key people** President and CEO
Clara B. Cooper
- Website** <https://souperbowl.org>

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Sunday, February 5, 2017

February 5th marks the first anniversary of the Souper Bowl of Caring's - **"Northside Can Bowl"** – a celebration of football and, more importantly, a good way to contribute needed canned food to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Blacksburg. Right after church we will gather for a soup lunch and cheer on the 2017 Super Bowl teams. Join us! **Please bring cans of soup or money to put in the Soup Kettles located at the narthex on Sunday, February 5, 2017.**

The 19th Annual Chili Cook-off, sponsored by UKIRK Ministry at Virginia Tech:

Sunday, February 19, 2017 – 5:30 pm

at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
701 Church St. SE
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Please join us and help support UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech! Enter your favorite chili for the competition, or just come, eat and vote for your favorites! A vegetarian alternative will be available. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Daniel Webster said, "If you want to feel rich, just count up all the things you have that money cannot buy."

Whether it comes easily and naturally or not, no pastor can dispatch his/her shepherding responsibilities and maintain a healthy flock without a program of consistent calling on his sheep.

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Notes from Session Meeting 01-21-17

The January Session meeting is traditionally the Annual Officers Retreat and Session meeting. Many items of an annual nature were discussed and voted on including the election of Sue Bentley as Clerk and Clark Gaylord as Treasurer for the year. Other items included reviewing the church calendar for the year and setting dates for communion and special offerings.

Committees and committee chairs were also reviewed.

The Session approved the Annual Church Statistical Report which is sent to the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. This report is compiled with those of all other PC(USA) churches to obtain a picture of the national church . The following statistics are from the Northside report.

Current Membership : 149

Age distribution:

Under 26: 25

26 – 45: 16

46 – 55: 26

56 – 65: 18

Over 65: 64

Average Attendance at worship: 59

Annual budget: \$253,926

There was a review of where we are in the Discernment process. Jane Jones led the discussion. We viewed the video *When God Left the Building*. We discussed the next steps including inviting an outside consultant to help us look at our future goals for the church and an invitation for the entire congregation to view the video.

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

- ONE:** Don't miss the boat.
- TWO:** Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- THREE:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- FOUR:** Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX:** Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE:** When you're stressed, float awhile.
- TEN:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- ELEVEN:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

“How can you believe that?” exclaimed a university student coming upon a class-mate reading the Bible. “Don't you have difficulty with such a miracle as the dividing of the Red Sea?”

“Yes, I have difficulty with the Red Sea,” was the reply; “but my difficulty is not how it was divided, but how it was made. For certainly He who made it could divide it.”

It's not our position but our disposition that matters. It's not our ability but our availability that counts.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN February:

- February 1: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 5: COMMUNION
- SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
- 8: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 9: Women’s Bible Study, 1:30 pm in the old Kitchen
- 12: 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering
- Committees to Meet
- 15: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 18: PRESBYTERY MEETING
- 19: Rachel Sutphin filling our pulpit
- Session Meeting following Sunday School
- 20: President’s Day (Church Office Closed!)
- 22: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 26: Transfiguration of the Lord
- Abbreviated Worship
- GIFT: Discernment Sunday – screening of
- “When God Left the Building”

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There’s an old Spanish proverb which says, “How beautiful it is to do nothing and then rest afterward!”

And the Arabs have one which reminds us that, in thinking of opportunity, dawn does not come twice to awaken us!

Check Us Out...

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