

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Weekly Letter - June 18, 2020

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Dear Paw Creek,

After a week off, I hope this finds everyone well, perhaps getting some opportunities to enjoy summer activities and vacations. As we all know, the world remains unsettled in so many ways. We are grateful to have one another and God's glorious and gracious care to see us through!

In worship on Sunday we will honor our congregation's graduates, from high school, college and graduate school. Like all graduates, they have worked hard and achieved wonders. Unlike any graduates before, they have pushed through the disruptions of their final semester with flying colors. We are so proud of them, and ours will be a special celebration this year for us to recognize what they had to give up, and what they have accomplished. Even more importantly, this will be a time to reflect on what they will do next, to send them with God's blessings and ours for much fulfillment in the months and years to come. Let us keep them in our prayers, along with all the educators and students who are still wondering what their world will look like come fall.

Because we had no letter last week, I want to be sure and recap the prayers that have been on our hearts during this time, and be sure that everyone has news about the needs within our congregation and community.

As I hope you all know, in recent days we have mourned the loss of Virginia McGranahan, who died at home on June 8. There was a graveside service in the Paw Creek cemetery on June 12. There have also been private backyard services for Susan Kenley on June 7 and Raymond Field on June 16. Please keep the McGranahan, Kenley and Field families in your prayers during these times of loss.

Last Sunday we raised these prayers:

- Lilly Timberman is improving, but still hospitalized and very much in need of our prayers.
- Olivia Costin, 18 year old daughter of friends of the Scott family is in the ICU at Duke Hospital in very serious condition. Please pray for her and her family.
- Ann Cashion asks us to pray for a friend of hers, 87 year old Fibbie McGahee.
- Dickie Chapman reports that his friend Dan Jacobs continues to be in good spirits through intensive cancer treatment - Dickie and Dan had a good phone visit on Monday.
- We rejoice with John Riggins and his family at the very good medical report received by his brother Tom after recent testing.

And on Wednesday night at Bible Study, these addition concerns were added:

- Frank Dale continues in good spirits at home. He now has in-home care givers to support the care that his family has been giving since he was released from rehab a few weeks ago.
- Laura Wingate reports several serious concerns in her family and asks for our prayers: Allen Wingate was hospitalized for a collapsed lung, and anticipates being released to rehab care in the next day or so; Laura's brother Bob Evans in Orlando has been diagnosed with cancer of the tongue and will begin radiation and chemo treatments immediately; Debbie Wingate is beginning a new medication this week. Please pray for the entire family in this difficult time.
- Continue to remember Ernest Moore as he is cared for at home.
- Barbara Ullem asks our prayers for her cousin George Lux, who lives alone in St. Louis, Mo. and is now hospitalized with serious illness.
- Please pray with Angie and Sonny Ross and their family for healing for their grandson-in-law, Nick Robinson in Easley, SC, who is ill with Covid-19.
- Debbie Taylor asks us to pray for Rachel Pelone, a family friend from Greensboro who has worshipped at Paw Creek many times in the past - Rachel has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be undergoing scans this week to determine treatment options.
- And, we celebrate with Vernie and Ken Smith, who marked their 66th wedding anniversary this week - Vernie and the family were able to have a "window visit" with Ken in nursing care, and report that he is doing very well.

Blessings to everyone, for sunshine and laughter as we continue to await the time when we can again be together as God's family, in person as well as in spirit!

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • June 21, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

Prelude

Make Me a Servant

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Psalm 66

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
Come now and see the works of God,
Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of praise to be heard.
How wonderful are God's actions toward all people.

Hymn 462

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, other than that of knowing that we do your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 13-20

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Homily

A light to shine

Recognition of 2020 Graduates

Lexi Torrence and Tucker Torrence

Offertory

Let There be Peace on Earth
Hannah Ashland McCord, soloist

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Prayers of God’s People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*

Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

Graduation 2020

During this extraordinary year, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church is proud of all members of our church family who have completed their schooling this spring. Your perseverance and good cheer are amazing! We send you our congratulations and our prayers that in the years ahead you will thrive in all things, just as you have this year.

We honor:

Sarah Kenley Hansley

Sarah graduated from Lenior-Rhyne University with a MBA.

Jolee Longshore

Jolee graduated from East Lincoln High School and will be a freshman at UNC Wilmington in the fall.

Jaycie Loud

Jaycie received her graduate degree in Michigan this spring and has returned to Charlotte.

Lexi Torrence

Lexi graduated from University of South Carolina with a degree in Journalism and a minor in International Studies. She was on Deans List all 4 years, and was a Capstone Scholar. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. After graduating Lexi moved to Savannah Georgia to pursue her journalism career.

Tucker Torrence

Tucker graduated from Lincoln Charter School and plans to attend Central Piedmont Community College in Fall.

In keeping with our on-line worship guidelines, the Christian Education Committee invited graduates to worship with us in family units, and are pleased to announce that we will recognize Lexi and Tucker in today's service, and Jaycie on July 12.

Congratulations!

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Seek..... Matthew 6:33
Serve 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise..... Psalm 111:1
Love Christ!.....1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:
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Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

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Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, June 21
Matthew 5: 21-26
“But Jesus Says to Us...”

Sunday, June 28
Matthew 5: 38-48
“Love and Hate”