

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Weekly Letter - June 25, 2020

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Dear Paw Creek,

This week I'd like to bring everyone up to date on our church efforts to reach out and offer care to some of our neighbors who are suffering from the economic stress of this year. Several weeks ago the Session decided to focus our efforts on food security, and we invited the congregation to contribute towards a project focused on families in Charlotte's North End. That special offering is now finished and we have received total donations of \$6,925 - what a fantastic and generous outpouring of love and concern! In the hands of our partners The Bulb and the North End Community Coalition, that money will ensure that two weekly food distribution sites will continue their work well into the latter months of this year. On Thursday of this week I will join Karen Cathey, representing the Outreach Committee, to deliver the check and meet some of the volunteers who make this project happen.

In addition to the special offering for the Bulb's work in the North End, the Session also authorized the Outreach Committee to use \$3,600 from the Mission Fund to support work in our local Westside community. That money was distributed earlier in the spring to two congregations, Thrift United Methodist Church and Mission City Church, that maintain food pantries. Both churches report large increases in requests for assistance - the Outreach Committee is staying in touch with them and will continue to offer support throughout the year as the needs become clear.

There are so many ways that we can live out Christ's call to care for our neighbors, and we are always looking for new projects. For now, let us be grateful that God has given us the resources to share over \$10,000, all of which will be used to provide food for families that would otherwise go without.

As we come to the end of this week, we gather the concerns and joys that are amongst us in the congregation and community, and offer them to God in our prayers:

- Please continue to pray with Angie and Sonny Ross and their family for their grandson-in-law, Nick Robinson, who is ill with Covid-19. His illness is part of an outbreak of disease among family and friends in the farming community of Ducasville, SC near Easley. Among the sick is Nick's grandmother who is hospitalized in serious condition.
- Please pray with Sarah Kendrick and her family at the loss of her brother-in-law, Mr. Mike Parrot. Mike, husband of Sarah's sister Pam, died unexpectedly earlier this week.

- During the coming week, please remember Frances Lyerly - she is scheduled for surgery next Wednesday for a spinal fusion, which will allow her to be more active in the years to come.
- Please remember Sheila Davis and her husband Roderick Montgomery. Sheila cleans our church buildings and is caring for Roderick, who has serious kidney and pancreatic disease and is facing further surgeries in the months ahead.
- We give praise for good reports from Lilly Timberman (Andrea and Donna's stepmother, who is still hospitalized but showing much improvement) and George Lux (Barbara Ullem's cousin in St. Louis, who is set for release from the hospital into a care facility for continued recovery).
- Ken Smith continues to do quite well in nursing care - he and his family were able to have a window visit last weekend for Father's Day.
- There's good news from our Wednesday night children's program - Children Connecting with Christ. They are resuming meeting this week via Zoom and are looking forward to reconnecting with the children and families after being apart for several months. Because of Zoom, their founding teacher Victoria Krebs will be able to participate from her new home in Virginia.

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 28, 2020
Thirteenth 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

Festival Toccata

Fletcher

Call to Worship

Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss they kingdom's goal.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge: give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creation to your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 38-48

Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Scripture Reading (cont'd)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Homily Love and hate

Offertory Patrick McCarthy

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk and in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

Welcome back to Suzanne Lowery, who joins us today as guest organist/pianist while Mark is on vacation.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in July!

July 1

Ashley Brown
Brooke Miller

July 3

Autumn Ballenger
Tommy Cashion

July 4

Morgan Kendrick

July 5

Kelsey Kenley
Nick McGee
Gordon Taylor

July 6

David Hamby
Allen Middleton

July 7

Gene Hall
Frank Krebs
Bryce Moore

July 8

Sam McCord

July 9

Gary Gaskins

July 10

Stephanie Alexander
James Padgett
Jerry Smith

July 11

Jeremiah Krebs
Lisa Revalee

July 12

Ann Furr
Don Joy

July 13

Harold Staton

July 15

Elizabeth Honeycutt

July 16

Todd Corbin

July 18

Linus Whitlock

July 19

Scott Kincaid
Logan Wallace

July 20

Elaine Hamby

July 21

Betty Barnette

July 22

Frances Lyerly

July 24

Leslie Joy
Katelyn Kenley

July 27

Charlene Todd

July 28

Steve Caudill

July 30

Mike Johnson
Tammy Reel

July 31

Betty Field
Tanya Gross
Anne Moore
Maegan Normand
Jean Todd
Susan Wallace

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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:
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892
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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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For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, June 28

Matthew 5: 38-48
"Love and Hate"

Sunday, July 12

Matthew 6: 25-33
"The Opposite of Worry"

Sunday, July 5

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
"Who's Watching?"

Sunday, July 19

Matthew 7: 21-23
"Speak Softly and Carry a Big Heart"