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Weekly News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

I hope some of you had a chance this week to try "Sermon by Phone", to access an audio recording of the Sunday service for those who do not have the equipment for watching the live-stream service. Please let me or any member of the Worship Committee know how it works for you. Don't forget, the number is printed at the top of this letter, and there are no other passwords or special instructions - just dial and listen.

This week three members of our congregation have passed on important community information to bring before our church family. These days the world around us has more and more impact on our lives, and I thank Celia Gray, Karen Cathey and Debbie Taylor for taking the initiative to share some of the things that have caught their attention. If you have similar notices to put forward in future letters, please let me know!

From Celia:

Now is the time to request a Mail-In Ballot for the November election, for those who wish to avoid voting in-person. It's a two step process: (1) send in a request for a ballot, and (2) receive the ballot in September, vote, and mail it back in. City and County authorities are urging us to take step one NOW. Celia has copies of the request form; she will be happy to send you one and has offered to help answer any questions about how to fill them out. Just give her a call. Or, anyone can download the form at <https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot/north-carolina/>. Then simply print the form, complete, and return by mail or email.

From Karen:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sponsoring Presbyterian Week of Action for Black Lives Matter August 24-30. The Presbyterian Church has a vision to eliminate white supremacy and institutionalized racism. In that effort this Week of Action is being offered to provide "witness that facilitates education, visibility and action that reinforces our PC(USA) statements and policy around the support of eradicating racism." Some confuse the BLM movement with being exclusive only to our black brothers and sisters (BLACK lives matter), but the movement is about being included and not left out (Black Lives MATTER). If interested, you can visit the link at <https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/>.

From Debbie:

The latest Presbytery of Charlotte budget report shows that contributions to the Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering are down significantly since the beginning of the pandemic. As you know, we normally collect this offering on the first Sunday of each month, and we have missed having that collection for five months and counting. Across the Presbytery every year collections equal over \$200,000. This is money that helps countless families and is needed now more than ever throughout the seven counties covered by our Presbytery. Please consider making a “catch-up” donation, either by mail to the church office or through on-line giving (just put a note in the comment section to designate for “10¢ Offering”).

At Wednesday night Bible Study last night, we received these new prayer concerns; please remember these folks this week:

- Frances Lyerly reports that her son Tommy Lyerly has contracted Covid-19 and is quarantined at home with minimal symptoms. We pray for quick and uneventful recovery.
- Nathan Thomlinson was in surgery late yesterday afternoon for a cardiac ablation procedure. We pray for his healing.
- Lauren Tench Winchester has suffered a recurrence of hemophilic migraine, which has left her with some paralysis - it's possible that she will be admitted to a rehab facility for recovery. We pray for that recovery and for her to receive the care she needs.
- Please continue to pray for Bob & Marie Love.

And of course we pray for our world and a path forward for all of us on the return road to safety, health, prosperity, and new opportunities to witness to God's love every day.

Blessings,

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 23, 2020
Twenty-first 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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Victor Labenske

Call to Worship

Psalm 89

Your love, O LORD, forever will we sing;
from age to age our mouths will proclaim your faithfulness.
For we are persuaded that your love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen, let us say, Amen.

Hymn 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what-e'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.
Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take what-e'er the Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.
Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth. Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Homily

Lord save me!

Offertory

I Surrender All

arr. Janice Faber

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 442

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down,
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Call on Jesus

arr. Jim Hammerly



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to Those
Celebrating in September!**

September 5
Ann Cashion

September 6
Tommy Caldwell

September 10
Troy Miller

September 12
Dwayne Dorton
Peyton Helms

September 13
Baillie Joy

September 14
Elaine Laney

September 15
Eric Burns
Bob Rusevlyan
Jessica Wallace
Pam Wright

September 17
Renee Padgett

September 20
Hoyt Johnston

September 21
Lauren Scott

September 23
Blonnie Caudill

September 26
Mark Penna

September 27
Renee Huffstickler
Gene Pegram
Caitlin Penna
Annie Smith

September 28
Daeng Manichanh
Ken Scott

September 29
Virginia Oates

September 30
Donna Hall
Dennis Whittington

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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
-or-
Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Online Giving is Now Available

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at www.pawcreekpc.org and follow the link on the home page.



Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)



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, August 23

Matthew 14: 22-33
“Lord Save Me!”

Sunday, September 6

Matthew 18: 15-20
“Life Together: The Gathering”

Sunday, August 30

Matthew 16: 21-28
“What Will You Give Up?”

Sunday, September 13

Matthew 18: 21-35
“Life Together: The Forgiving”