

The “Press”byterian – August 2021



A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

I am writing today as Frances and I prepare to leave for Pennsylvania. What takes us there? Friends, that’s what. Actually, we are going there to celebrate the life of our close friend Harry Brown, who died a few months back, during the COVID days. Harry did not die from COVID but from complications of his age. He was in his eighties.

Harry was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee that put my name before the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown to become their Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. We ended up building a new home next door to Harry and Judy and becoming life-long friends and have stayed in touch over the years, even until recently.

As I have been preparing myself for the memorial service and reflecting on Harry and Judy and many of the other folks with whom we became friends over the years, I have also been reflecting on the privilege Frances and I have had to be friends and pastor with all of you wonderful folks at Calhoun First Presbyterian Church. You have endeared yourself to us and we have felt you have helped us in our walk with Christ. Those are the best friends!

I missed this past Sunday, and I did miss being with you. I’m sure Russ Ritchel brought blessings to you.

Speaking of our church, there is a cascading stream of “looking forward to” quality events coming up over the next few months. These events begin with our musical evening on Sunday, August 8th. Two groups and one individual singer will be providing a rich buffet of tasty tunes for us to enjoy and be enriched by. I can tell you that Frances and I are looking forward to this event. So are members of our family who we have told about it. There are those who say that we should have been doing this more frequently over recent years.

This stellar moment will be followed by several fundraisers for the benefit of causes we support or the church’s own ministry. They are the brick sale sponsored by Women of the Church, the Little Lamb’s Sale sponsored by Lydia Circle in September, the fall Yard Sale sponsored by Men of the Church in October, our “world famous” Auction and Dinner in October, and the Mistletoe Market in November. That’s a lot of activity in addition to our regular weekly and monthly activities. You will have noticed that several of these functions are actually work functions. It says a lot that we can rejoice in these activities too because it means we are happy about doing good and derive a great deal of satisfaction from it. That is the way we are.

In the meantime, our most important events are our Sunday worship services. Let’s all be sure to faithfully and enthusiastically show up for worship every Sunday. The Lord blesses us every day, all day long. Sunday worship is our time to say thanks and to get a perspective for living that is more aligned with His eternal purpose for us.

See you this coming Sunday! Blessings, Pastor David

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9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm



August Birthdays:

- 2 David McDonald**
- 2 Retha Haddock**
- 2 Cathy Keeter**
- 2 Dan Hughes**
- 4 Nancy McPhearson**
- 5 Anne Judah**
- 10 Gay Little**
- 11 Lindy Harrison**
- 11 Vern Grinnell**
- 25 Bob Butler**
- 25 Teri Thomas**
- 28 Joanna Foley**
- 31 Peggy Smith**
- 31 Sharla Smith**



August Anniversaries:

- 26 Jim & Kim Fraker (1989)**



- Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
- Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
- Building & Grounds – Jim Clark & Ken Greeson
- Christian Education – Jim Fraker
- Lydia Circle – Megan Little
- Membership Team – Megan Little
- Men of the Church – Jim Clark
- Missions Team – Doug Marvel
- Personnel Team – Ed Donn
- Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzaró
- Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
- Ushers – Jim Clark
- Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
- Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
- Women of the Church – June Antony
- Worship – Sharla Smith



Communion

We observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion and collect our Missions Offering on the first Sunday of the Month.



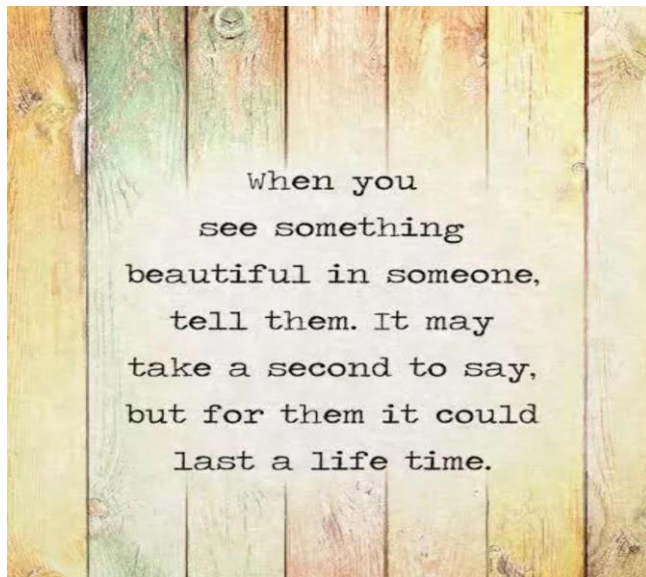
MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Men of the Church will resume their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 19 @5:30 PM.

We donated \$1,000 to the church's Benevolent Fund last month to help families in need. In addition, we purchased a commemorative brick from the Women of the Church in honor of the Men of the Church Group. We also purchased a new rechargeable vacuum cleaner for the church.

We need volunteers for several upcoming events: 1) set up clothing racks and tables for Little Lambs sale on Tuesday, Sept 21 @4:00; 2) MOC Yard Sale on Friday, Oct 1 @8:00 – 4:00 and Saturday, Oct 2 @8:00 – 12:00; 3) the annual auction Saturday, Oct 23 @5:00 until the end of the sale; 4) operate the sale table at the Mistletoe Market scheduled for Saturday, Nov 20 and Sunday, Nov 21.

We are collecting items for the yard sale and auction. Call Ken Greeson (678) 986-8264 or Jim Clark (770) 608-5554 for more information.



OUTREACH MISSIONS TEAM

On September 19th we will have Steve Pearson from Pearson's Volunteer Mission as our guest. This will be our second Mission Sunday with lunch to follow provided by Women of the Church. Please make arrangements to come be part of this service and listen to updates that are currently going on in Malawi Africa by Steve and his helpers from Pearson's Volunteer Mission.

A House For Letina

Construction on Letina's house should start tomorrow. Letina is the widow of Pastor Moffat Mwase of Malawi, Africa. After the death of her husband and three of her children she has been raising 6 grandchildren in a small, one room, shelter. Pearson Volunteer Missions made the decision to build Letina a house. After prayer we are convinced that it is the will of God, and the right thing to do.

We will also provide this sweet lady with some blankets and corn.

It is very difficult to make it in Malawi if you are a widow, especially if you have children to provide for. Please pray for Letina. And pray for our mission as we strive to serve the Savior and do His will.

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27

Do good today.





Lamar's Bible Study is taking a summer break and will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 7.

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A box is located in the church lobby for needed items for the VAC food pantry. A list is above the box; any and all donations are appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your help.

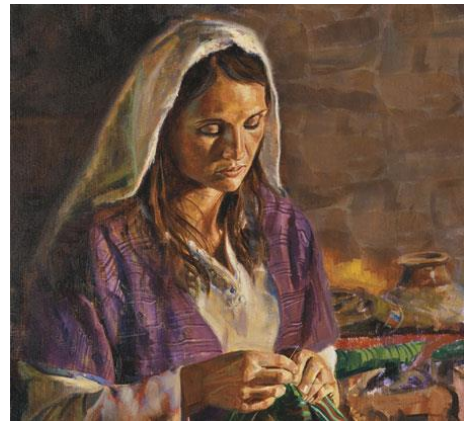
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BUDGET NEWS MONTH OF JULY

Budget Requirement \$ 11,957.92
Budget Offering: \$ 9,880.00
Other Designated: \$ 2,283.00
Mortgage Balance: \$187,419.63

A breakdown of the monthly and year to date transactions will be on the table in the Narthex for your review. If you should have any questions, please contact one of the Stewardship & Finance Committee members.

Lamar Harrison (Chair)
Mikeal Smith
Ken Greeson
Ed Donn
Jim Clark
Peggy Smith
Doug Marvel
Fran Johnson (Financials)



LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 3 @ 6:00 to elect new officers for the coming year and finalize plans for the upcoming Little Lambs sale on September 24 & 25.

*“Not all storms
come to disrupt
your life, some
come to clear
your path”*



Helping Hands for August

Liturgists

August 1 – Gay Little
August 8 – Bob Smith
August 15 – Kim Fraker
August 22 – Ed Donn
August 29 – Retha Haddock

Children's Church

August 1 – Carson Butler (Sharla Smith)
August 8 – Lexi Greeson (Judy Greeson)
August 15 – Carson Butler (Sharla Smith)
August 22 – Lexi Greeson (Fran Johnson)
August 29 – Carson Butler (Judy Greeson)

Deacons of the Week

Week of August 1 – Jo Beth Briner
Week of August 8 – Jim & Joan Clark
Week of August 15 – Ronald Jackson
Week of August 22 – Tammy Foley
Week of August 29 – Carson Butler



The weekly sermons are uploaded to the church's website!

<http://www.Calhounfpc.org/>

In addition, recordings of the entire worship services are available on CD each week for your use. Please contact the church office if you would like one.

“Press”byterian Newsletter articles are due the week of

Sunday, August 22!

**Please submit your articles to
Debbie Baue
by email if possible.**



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Seth Smith – COVID (Delta variant); feeling better but still weak after receiving antibody treatment; quarantined until Wednesday

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

- Families of Sharon Farmer and Luanne Sullivan (childhood friends of Suzanne Driscoll from McCaysville) – Both passed away recently (not together and two different causes)
- Tracy Vines (Seth Smith's father) – Stage 4 small cell lung cancer that has spread to his stomach; now on Hospice (Tanner Medical Center)
- Safe travels for Richard & Kristen Huie (Debbie's son and daughter-in-law) as they travel to Calhoun from their home in Germany for a long-awaited visit!!
- Our leaders and our country!