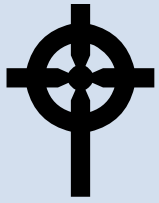


Welcome Home! Come Walk With Us!



Northside NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

August 2015

Blacksburg, Virginia

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends,

We are in the hope business. At my study leave at the Montreat Conference Center this summer, I had the great privilege of being taught by Dr. Damayanthi Niles, a constructive theologian at Eden Seminary in St. Louis. Dr. Niles is from Sri Lanka, from a long family history of church leadership. She has quite a different perspective on the role of the Christian Church in the world.



She suggests that faith is much like making a curry powder—there are recipes all over the place and everyone has their favorite; however, even if we like ours the best, we need to hear how others make it learn from them. If not, we are the poorer for it. She sees our church mission in those terms—we are to be in pilgrimage to see God in action everywhere and learn from how God is working with others. Maybe our own curry powder will be improved.

And Dr. Niles reminds us that we *ARE* in the hope business. Yes, church attendance everywhere is down. Yes, it's difficult to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in our modern culture. But we are called to hope—to witness that God is good, that God has a purpose for us, and that God has compassion for the nations—compassion we are called to enact in our own lives.

We don't have to be "large and in charge" any more. We are actually freed by a changing culture to change ourselves, and to venture into new places and with new people as we find out how we can be blessed and be a blessing in our encounters with others. God is not finished with us yet. And so we hope, and we share hope with others. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Worship - 10:00 AM
Lemonade following worship

FLOWERS

Aug. 2: Emily Bender
Aug. 9: COMMUNION
Aug.16: Marsha Bowen
Aug. 23: Emily Davis
Aug. 30: Bev & Joe Lineweaver

OFFICERS ON CALL

July 26-Aug.1: Mary Lough,
540-250-5810
Aug. 2-8: Clark Gaylord
540-552-2868
Aug. 9-15: Bruce Harper
540-392-3597
Aug. 16-22: Emily Davis,
540-392-1750
Aug. 23-29: Joanne Pearson
540-961-5602
Aug. 30-Sept. 5: Steve Cole,
540-953-0434

USHERS

Aug. 2: Jilk Stowe Family
Aug. 9: Jack & Sandy Webster
Aug. 16: Sue & Ernie Bentley
Aug. 23: Joe & Kay Hunnings
Aug. 30: Steve Cole and Drew Taylor

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR AUGUST

Aug. 2: 2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Eph. 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Aug. 16: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3;3-14
Psalm 111
Eph. 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Aug. 9: 2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Eph. 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Aug. 23: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Eph. 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Aug. 30: Song of Sol. 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS !

- Aug.
- 2 Morgan McCoy
- 3 Amy Ogburn
- 4 Jenny Orr
- 8 Sandy Hancock
- 10 Ellie Reser
- David Bowen
- Bryce Geyer
- 11 David Gray
- 12 Lou Brown
- 14 Drew Taylor
- 16 Gail Gray
- 18 Mary Ogburn
- Doug Rathjen
- Emily Duralia
- 21 Heidi Harper
- 23 Paul Ruzler
- 25 Sandi Webster
- Ed Bridge
- Blakely Hunnings
- 26 Rich Pollock
- 30 Kaitlyn Heinze
- Sue Herbein
- Will Kuykendall



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

ATTENTION!

During Northside's summer season your Facilities and Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that salaries, services, and other Church Expenses go on much the same. We urgently request your continuing generous support during this time of the year.

FALL GIFT SCHEDULE

The theme for our Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) Program will be “Food - Practicing our Faith at the Table”. The first Sunday of every month is GIFT Sunday and a multigenerational program is being planned for each month that aligns with this theme. Please mark your calendars and invite friends and family! If you would like to participate in the planning and leading of one of the monthly GIFTS programs, please contact Sandi Webster or Jane Jones.

August 23rd – CHURCH PICNIC!!! We will be holding our picnic out on the front lawn immediately following Worship like last year and promoting it to the community. Fellowship will be providing the main dish and several sides but we are asking the Congregation to bring a side dish or dessert. We will also need blankets and card tables like last year.

September 13th – Local Hunger. The program will be Micah’s Backpack and Food Pantry – (Guest Speaker)

October 4th – World Communion. The Program will be Hunger and Justice.

November 1st – Room at the Table. The program will focus on Hospitality and Diversity.

December 6th – Alternative Gift Market. The program will focus on gifts that support those in need.

SEE THE SHINING DEWDROPS

*See the shining dewdrops
On the flowers strewed,
Proving as they sparkle
“God is ever good.”*

*In the leafy treetops
Where no fears intrude,
Merry birds are singing,
“God is ever good.”*

*Bring my heart, thy tribute-
Songs of gratitude.
All things join to tell us,
“God is ever good,
God is ever good.”*

*-Count Your Blessings
Thanking God for His Gifts*

The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; he protects those who take refuge in him.
-Nahum 1:7

DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST:

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Lemonade After Worship
Deacon’s Meeting after church

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2 Cents-A-Meal Offering, Blessing of the Backpacks,
(No Sunday School)
Lemonade After Worship
Committees to Meet

- 11: Public Schools Open**

- 16: Morning Worship, 10:00 am (No Sunday School)**
Lemonade After Worship
Session Meeting following church – Bring a lunch if needed!

- 23: Simple Gifts in charge of Worship Service at 10:00 am**
(No Sunday School) Church picnic on lawn following worship

- 30: Morning Worship, 10:00 am (No Sunday School)**
Lemonade After Worship

ATTENTION CONGREGATION!

We will **NOT** be doing extra announcements from the pulpit on Sunday mornings. There is a special section on the bulletin board in the narthex for announcements. If you have an announcement you wish to make, please write in on the slip of paper provided beside the announcement space and place the announcement there. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the bulletin board and check for these announcements. Because of the change in schedule this is necessary. Thank you cooperating in this new change.

<p>Check Us Out...</p> <p>Church Address: Northside Presbyterian Church 1017 Progress Street, N.W. Blacksburg, VA 24060</p> <p>Phone: 540-552-4327</p> <p>Email Address: secretary.northside@gmail.com</p> <p>Minister’s Email: dickerson.northside@gmail.com</p> <p>Website URL (http://www.nsidepresbburg.org)</p>

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