



FROM OUR PARISH ASSOCIATE

Dear Friends,

Recently, I have been offering coffee and conversation to anyone who happens to walk by the church in the morning. Anne Kuykendall joined me a few weeks ago and we had a great time. We got an “airpot” of coffee from Mill Mountain and cups, sugar, cream and lids and we set up a card table near the bus stop. As people walked by or waited for the bus, we offered them a cup of coffee. At first people were suspicious and looked at us like we were crazy. But we told them we were part of Northside and that we just wanted them to know that we were here in the neighborhood if they needed anything and that they were always welcome. Several people stopped and talked to us and people began to talk to each other as they waited for the bus. It was a little exercise in getting to know our neighbors and building community – no big agenda, just getting to know our neighbors.

In a book I have been reading, “*Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other and the Spirit of Transformation*”, Stephanie Spellers says this: “Radical welcome is the spiritual practice of embracing and being changed by the gifts, presence, voices and power of The Other: the people systemically cast out of, or marginalized within a church, a denomination and/or society.” She goes on to say that radical welcome is opening ourselves up to others in such a way that we allow ourselves and our congregations to be changed by them.

The neighborhood surrounding our church is filled with people who are probably radically different from our congregation. They probably aren’t interested in the traditional things we do at Northside. But, I am finding that they are interested in friendship and in someone to listen to them. This coffee experiment is helping me to see our neighborhood in a whole new way and to see the possibilities for reaching out in ways that are not quite traditional. I think that there might be an exciting call in this for us; one that has the possibility of transformation for us and for our neighborhood.

Kathy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Worship - 10:00 AM

FLOWERS

Oct. 4: WORLD COMMUNION

Oct. 11: Campbell Family

Oct. 18: Lou Brown

Oct. 25: Lynn Long

OFFICERS ON CALL

Sept. 27-Oct. 3: Joe Hunnings,
540-808-3872

Oct. 4-10: Mary Lough,
540-250-5810

Oct. 11-17: Joanne Pearson,
540-961-5602

Oct. 18-24: Clark Gaylord,
540-552-2868

Oct. 25-31: Emmanuel Frimpong,
540-552-2901

USHERS

Oct. 4: Lisa Garcia & Ty Stephenson

Oct. 11: Ron Pearson & Sandi Webster

Oct. 18: Steve Cole & Leon Geyer

Oct. 25: Hunter & Sandy Hancock

*The prayer of many saints on
Sunday morning: “Give us this
day our day in bed.”*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 4: Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 18: Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Heb. 5: 1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 11: Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Heb. 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 25: Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Heb. 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS !

- Oct.
- 2 Shirley Larson
- 3 Kaitlyn Ayares
Nelson Garnett-Deakin
- 4 Bob McElwee
- 6 Bonnie Angermeier
- 12 Pollye DeHart
- 14 John Kuykendall
Sophia Frimpong
- 18 Kirsti Kaldro
- 19 Emmy Bender
- 20 Mary Lough
- 21 Susan Heinze
- 24 Harvey Sowers
- 26 Susan Simmons
George Norton
- 28 Betsy Stinson
Pam Stolte
- 31 Danny McMahan



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

**A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall claims it's a forgery.*

-Morris Bender

The Montgomery County Christmas Store

This is the first in a series of articles about the various organizations receiving funds this year from your support of the Mission Budget at Northside Presbyterian Church.

The Montgomery County Christmas Store was founded in 1982 and is the longest continually operating Christmas Store in the USA. The store is an all-volunteer community-wide nonprofit organization which assists low-income households in Montgomery County during the Christmas season by providing a shopping experience characterized by choice and dignity. The first priority is serving families with children.

Montgomery County Christmas Store is located at 30 W. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA. Entrance is from First Street. One can find more information about the store on the web at <http://www.mcchristmasstore.org>. People who qualify to be served by the store are the following:

- Montgomery County resident
- Meet Federal income guidelines of no greater than 125% of the federal established poverty level
- Have children under 18, are over aged 62, or are receiving disability payments

The store shopping dates this year are Tuesday, December 8 through Saturday, December 12. Screening for eligibility to shop at the store begins on Saturday, October 17 at the store from 9 am-1 pm. Other screening dates are October 18 from 1-4 pm, October 20, 21, and 22 from 5-7 pm, November 15 from 1-4 pm, November 16, 18, and 19 from 5-7 pm, and November 21 from 9 am-1 pm and December 5 from 9 am- 1 pm.

You can volunteer to help with the Christmas Store at Northside in the following ways:

- Help with collections of donated goods at the lower church parking lot on Saturday mornings in November. A sign-up sheet will be located in the church narthex starting in mid-October.
- Donate money or selected new goods. The specific items to be collected this year will be announced in mid-October, with collections during the month of November. Financial donations can be made by writing a check to Northside Presbyterian Church and then writing Christmas Store on the notation line or they can be addressed to the store and mailed to P.O. Box 221, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0221.
- Donate new or used goods on Saturday mornings in November at Northside or at the store itself on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9-4 in November or Monday - Saturday from 9-4 beginning November 30th.
- Assist as a volunteer during store shopping days by contacting the Christmas Store 381-0585.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

On World Communion Sunday, October 4th, we will be collecting the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering. This offering supports peace initiatives and reconciliation around the world. It funds programs devoted to education, mission supports and conflict resolutions in communities at home and abroad.

The funds collected are split 50% to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, 25% to presbytery and synod ministries of peace and reconciliation, and 25% is retained locally. This year the local portion will go to NRV Cares. NRV Cares is an organization in the New River valley that provides child advocacy, resources, education and services. Program areas include CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Parenting Young Children Courses, Parenting Workshops, and Community Education programs concerning child welfare issues.

Session Notes

Elders met on September 20, 2015 after Sunday School. Major matters taken up were:

- Approval of minutes of August 16th Stated Session Meeting and the June 8th electronic meeting. These will be posted in the narthex.
- The financial report was received. Current income is slightly below anticipated for this time of the year and current expenses are considerably below anticipated amounts.
- Draft budget for 2016 was presented to the session. This will be discussed at the next meeting prior to any vote being taken.
- Lisa Garcia and Phyllis Garnett-Deakin will be leading the Stewardship Campaign.
- The worship and study focused on where we should be going as a church. Members of session were asked to spend at least 10 minutes per day in contemplation of such questions as “What is God calling us to be and to do?”, “Where should our church budget be focused?” and “Where should we go from here?”. Joanne Pearson and Heidi Harper will work with Rev. Linda in discussion of what “Next Steps” we should be taking and how to move from here.
- Committees reported:
 - Christian Education – Sunday School curriculum for the year was approved. Rev. Kathy Carpenter is resigning from her position as Parish Associate as of November 1.
 - Finance and Facilities – Someone will be coming to fix the roof over the sound closet where water has been leaking.
 - Fellowship – There is need for more people to work on the committee.
 - Worship – The idea of having banners made to publicize various events of the church was presented. There will again be a brief announcement period at the beginning of worship, with the information presented in writing to Rev. Linda before the beginning of worship
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be October 18th
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession were offered.

Joanne Pearson, Clerk

**To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.*

**Swallowing angry words is much more palatable than having to eat them afterward.*

Presbytery Wide Leadership Event

Saturday, October 10th at 2nd Presbyterian, Roanoke, VA

**9:15 AM -4:00 PM
(Doors open 8:30 AM)**

\$10.00 Registration fee (includes a box lunch)

Choose from 11 workshops

**Embracing Change
Small Church Residency
Young Adult & Campus Ministry
New Worshipping Communities
Outreach Today
Neighborhood-Wide Mission Opportunities for Children & Families**

**Youth Panel ‘Views From Future Leaders’
Keeping A Long Term Pastorate Vital
A Model Mission Week
Social Media & The Faith Journey
“Glory To God” Exploring the New Hymnal**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Reverend Jeffery Binder
Associate Presbyter for Youth and Young Adults

Coral selections by Da Capo Virginia – Youth Choir
from Martinsville, Virginia

This event is open to everyone in our Presbytery!

Further information and registration is available now through October 7th on the Presbytery web site: www.peakspresbytery.org

Peace Presbyterian Church
5646 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, VA 24019
Phone: 540-977-1821 - Website – Peace-Church.net

Please join us on **Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** at Peace Presbyterian Church, 5646 Cloverdale Road (Alternate 220 down from Bonsack Walmart) for a discussion with Robert “Bob” Bersch, Attorney at Law, regarding Wills, Estates, Powers of Attorneys, Advance Medical Directives (Living Wills) and Trusts. A representative from **LOA** will also be here to offer guidance with Medicare. Open enrollment dates are fast approaching October 15 – December 7.

Come at 5:30 and enjoy our 2nd Thursday Community Dinner - \$10.00 per person.

For more information, please call Leisha Cook at 540-366-8117.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN October:

- October **4: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
 Peace & Global Witness Offering
 GIFT Sunday
- 7: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 8: Peace Presbyterian Church Dinner, 5:30 pm with a**
 discussion to follow about Wills, Estate Planning, etc.
- 10: PRESBYTERY WIDE LEADERSHIP EVENT**
 2nd Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
- 11: COMMUNION**
 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering
 Committees to meet after Sunday School
- 12: COLUMBUS DAY (Church Office Closed)**
- 13: NPC to “Feed the Flock” at UKIRK**
- 14: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 16: WORLD FOOD DAY**
- 18: Session Meeting following church – Bring a lunch if needed!**
- 19: LIFE LINE SCREENING AT NORTHSIDE**
- 21: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 22: PRESBYTERY MEETING, 9:00 am – 3:00pm**
- 24: UNITED NATIONS DAY**
- 25: REFORMATION SUNDAY**
- 28: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 31: Halloween**

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>
