

McAllister Messenger

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Glimpses Of Heaven

I have always loved watching the sunset. I do so every chance I can. There is something about it that stirs my soul. I sit on my back porch and watch as the sky becomes a tapestry of ever changing colors. Blue, white, yellow, gold, red, orange, pink, and purple all weave together to create something so beautiful and so glorious that it is transcendent. When you look at it for a brief instant it is like you are getting a glimpse of Heaven.

It isn't just sunsets, though, that can give you a glimpse of Heaven. With a loving heart and a grateful spirit you can see that they are everywhere. They are in a baby's laugh, a little girl's smile, the wag of a dog's tail, and the loud purr of a contented cat. They are in an uplifting song, and a beautiful painting. They are in the first flower of Spring, cool breezes on a Summer day, the colors of the Fall leaves, and the first snow of Winter. They are in a heartfelt hug, a gentle touch, a caring kiss, and an encouraging word. They are in every loving thought, every prayer from the soul, every simple act of kindness, every single act of charity, and every joyful "Thank You" you give to God.

Anything that brings us closer to love gives us a glimpse of Heaven. Any act that helps another soul gives us a glimpse of Heaven. Any thought that makes us more one with God gives us a glimpse of Heaven. In fact, our highest calling in this life is to bring as much Heaven as we can down here to Earth. When our hearts are full of Heaven, then Heaven will be our home in this life and in the next.

May you fill all of your days here with love and joy. May your heart always be full of thanksgiving. May you find Heaven everywhere you look and bring Heaven everywhere

~ Joseph J. Mazzella ~

Get Joseph Mazzella's book, "WALKING THE PATH OF LOVE," at www.amazon.com

April Birthdays

3rd Boone Fleenor
 4th AdriAnne Reyns Reynolds
 6th Cody Nida
 Kim Young
 7th Layken Young
 8th Angela Sponaugle
 9th Daryl Bartley
 Maxine Williams
 11th June Ann Cooke
 12th Giaynna Haynes Smith
 14th Leslie Nicely
 15th Priscilla Moncus
 17th Mahaley Reyns
 18th Anita Rice
 Linda Gurd Bogar
 Michael Young
 19th Josephine O'Rourke
 20th Olivia Lee Bryant
 21st Billy Potter
 Hayden Rodgers

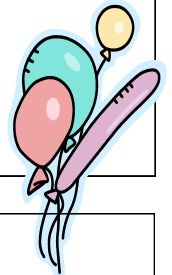


22nd Lee Ann Poague
 23rd Derek Gibson
 24th Kitty Carson
 Julie McCormack
 25th Alan Whitmer
 Cody Thompson
 26th Amy Ray
 27th Betsy Caul
 Steve Craft
 Heather Rowan Riley
 29th Patrick Scruggs
 30th Ronnie Poague



Anniversaries

4th Pat & Aubrey Bowling
 11th Jason & Tamara Hill
 15th Stacey & Jamie Bryant
 21st Mike & Judy Whitehead
 22nd Alan & Kristin Downer



May Birthdays

3rd Shelly Curtis
 Zak Nida
 Carter Hobbs Hudson
 5th Erik Young
 David Sponaugle
 6th Angie Poague
 8th Jeri O'Rourke
 9th Doris Mottern
 11th Gina Tingler
 13th Carole Lemon
 14th Jerry Whitehead
 Darlene Thompson
 Eric Webb
 15th Van Walker
 Rachel Reyns
 16th James Bush, Sr.
 Maggie Webb
 17th Butch Curtin
 Doris Jamison
 Lee Fadley
 19th Amelia Nicely
 21st Shirley Ferris
 22nd Jenni Hinton
 23rd Brenda Walker
 24th Dwain Tyree
 Gary Walker
 25th Andrew Crawford
 Jacob Downer
 Tyler Bartley
 26th Ruth Caul
 Carl Irvine
 Bunny King

28th Gus Hayslett
 Jenny Crawford

Happy Anniversary

6th Steven & Donna Craft
 11th Butch & Norma Curtin
 22nd Amanda & Eric Webb
 30th Cody & Katie Nida

Please help save our Bible!



McAllister Church has a large Pulpit Bible that was presented to the congregation in June 1919. This Pulpit Bible is a big part of our church history and possibly the only remaining artifact from the original building. Through many years of neglect and exposure to heat, cold, light, humidity, etc., it is coming apart. A professional restoration company has determined the Bible can be restored. The estimate for restoration and an archival storage container will be in the neighborhood of \$2200, half of which must be paid before restoration begins.

Session authorized the establishment of a Restoration Fund and is asking for donations over and above your regular giving to pay for this worthy project.

Thank You Note

Thank you to McAllister Church for your many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the calls, cards, visits and the delicious meal you prepared for us. God bless you.

The Family of Annie Stinespring



Thanks for your quick response!

When the coffee maker started acting up in mid January it was obvious that something must be done to rectify the problem. After transporting the old appliance to the repair shop, the likelihood of it being fixed was dim. The session decided to replace “Old Bunn” but there was no money in the budget for that kind of expense.

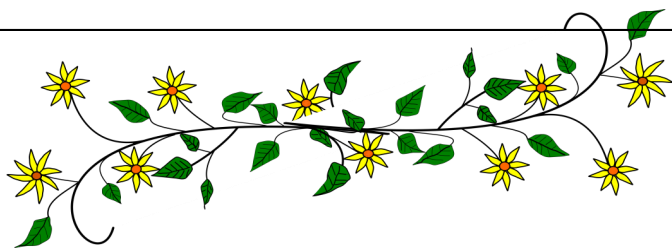
That is when a plea went out to all coffee lovers and those who love coffee lovers to contribute to the cause. Donations started pouring in and within a matter of days we received enough to pay for a “New Bunn” and the cost of installation.

Many Thanks!



Mothers'
Day

May 12, 2019



Come join us as we
Celebrate the Gifts of Women
during our worship service on
Mother's Day, May 12th
And be there for the
Presentation of the
Presbyterian Women's
Honorary Life Member
for 2019.

SAVE THE DATE

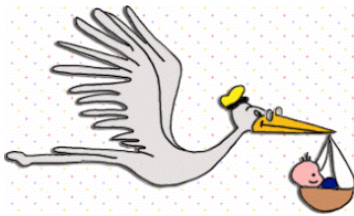


Vacation Bible School
June 16 thru June 21
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Classes for all ages! Come
and bring several friends.
Bible Lessons, Music, Crafts,
Food, and fun every night.
You don't want to miss it!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Adam and Brittany Young Baker at the birth of twin sons, Ezekiel Paul (5 lbs. 11 oz.) and Luke Michael (4 lbs. 10 oz.) on February 24, 2019. Proud grandparents are Michael and Brigette Young; and Paul and Tammie Baker. Great grandparents are Dorothy and Terry Thompson; and Margie and Buddy Young. May God bless these children and their family.



Congratulations to Janet and Ronnie Linkenhoker on the birth of their a new granddaughter,

Charlotte Marie Moneymaker. Charlotte was born March 15, 2019. Her parents are James and Carol Linkenhoker Moneymaker of Cloverdale. Her paternal grandparents are Jerry and Brenda Moneymaker of Brownsburg.



Pray for
McAllister
Church and
our Pastor
Nominating
Committee



NEW ADDRESS:

Neil Horn -1437119
James River Work Center
1954 State Farm Road
State Farm, VA 23160

Graduation

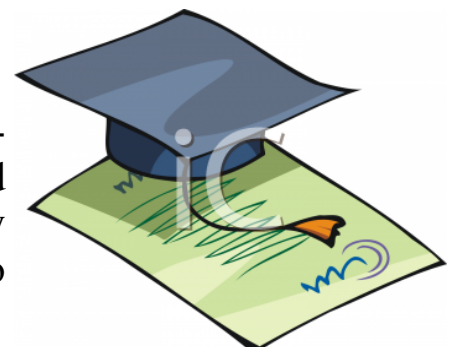


Our graduates from high school and college will be honored on Sunday, May 5th at our 11:00 a.m. service.

If you are graduating or know someone who is, please contact the church office, soon.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Scott Scholarship are now available. Anyone who is a member of McAllister Church and will attend college the fall of 2019 is eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up in the church office at any time. The deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2019.



McAllister Church
extends and prayer
to the family and friends of:

Meredith Jennings ~ *uncle of Leta Bartley*

Robert Casey ~ *brother of Harry Casey*

Marie Carpenter ~ *former Choir Director*

June Daugherty Rice ~ *sister of Lelia Fadley*

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

In memory of Annie Bess Stinespring
Travis, Jeri, Larry and Josephine O'Rourke

In memory of Mickey Stone Humphries
Travis, Jeri, Larry and Josephine O'Rourke

In memory of June Daugherty Rice
Littlepage Class

Planting Potatoes

When I was a boy growing up we had several gardens around our old house. The largest one of all was used just for growing potatoes. I can still remember those potato planting days. The whole family helped. After my Dad had tilled the soil, my Mom, brothers, and I went to work. It was my job to drop the little seed potatoes in the rows while my Mom dropped handfuls of fertilizer beside them. My brothers then covered them all with the freshly turned earth.

For months afterward I would glance over at the garden while I played outside and wonder what was going on underneath the ground. When the harvest time came I was amazed at the huge size of the potatoes my Dad pulled out of the soil. Those little seedlings had grown into bushels and bushels of sweet sustenance. They would be turned into meal after meal of baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, fried potatoes, and my personal favorite: potatoes slow cooked in spaghetti sauce. They would keep the entire family well fed throughout the whole year. It truly was a miracle to behold.

Thinking back on those special times makes me wonder how many other seeds I have planted in this life that have grown unseen in the hearts and minds of others. How many times has God used some little thing that I said or did to grow something beautiful? How many times has Heaven used these little seedlings to provide another's soul with sweet sustenance?

Every single day of our lives we step out into the garden of this world. Every single day we plant seeds that can grow into something wonderful. We may never see the growth that comes from the kind words or loving acts we share but God does. I hope then that you always tend the garden around you with care. I hope that you plant only goodness, peace, and compassion in the lives of everyone you meet. I hope that everyday you help miracles to grow.

~ Joseph J. Mazzella ~

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Special Birthday Wishes to Etha Hayslett and Lillian Wood

Etha celebrated her 100th Birthday on March 28.

Lillian celebrated her 97th Birthday on March 30.

Congratulations to these two beautiful ladies at reaching these milestones.

Little Tuba Boy ~ Joseph B. Walker ~

My reasons for joining the junior high band can be summarized in one word: Ringo.

Ringo Starr, the Beatles drummer, was cool. He looked cool. He talked cool. He played the drums cool. And since few things in the world are cooler to a 7th grader than being cool, signing up to play the drums in the school band was a no-brainer.

Until I actually had to play the drums.

Looking back, I should have realized I was going to have problems with an instrument that required hand-eye coordination. I hadn't had a hit in three years of Little League baseball. My 7-year-old nephew regularly beat me in Tiddlywinks. My Scoutmaster had to have stitches after trying to teach me how to whittle. And at age 12 I already held the all-time record for consecutive losses at Pong – and the computer game hadn't even been invented yet.

So it really wasn't a big surprise when, after only a couple of practice sessions, Ron (or was it Don?) could lay down a perfectly crisp and clean ratta-tatta-tatta-tat on the snare drum, while I could only muster a muffled fumbley-fumble-fuddah-fum.

Somewhere in Liverpool Ringo cringed.

In my view, the problem was my band director, Mr. Gibson. I tried to explain to him that I was sensational at home when I drummed along to Beatles songs with Mom's big wooden spoons (I also played a mean electric guitar on Mom's broom, but I didn't mention that). But Mr. Gibson insisted that I use the official Ludwig drumsticks and the new snare drum that the school had purchased. He wouldn't even let me demonstrate my proficiency with the spoons.

Instead he moved me to the bass drum, where the stick was bigger and the drum strokes less demanding. Then we tried the cymbals. Then the tambourine. Then the tympani. Then there was a frightening experiment with the glockenspiel that we'd all like to forget.

It was getting ugly.

And definitely uncool.

Then one day Mr. Gibson asked me to stay after band class.

"Joe," he said, "I've got a problem."

"Yeah," I said. "I know. But I'm trying. If you'd just let me bring those spoons . . ."

"Wait a second," he said, holding up his hands.

"You're not the problem. But I think you just might be the solution."

"Me?" I asked. "The solution? To what?"

"Have you been listening to our band?" he asked.

"Can you tell me what's missing?"

I thought for a second. "Uh . . . talent?" I guessed.

"No," he said, chuckling. "We've got lots of talent. But we're missing an important part of the sound – the bass part. That's the foundation of any band, and we don't have it. We've got trombones and a bassoon and a bass clarinet, and they're doing the best they can. But we need that low, brassy bass sound that only a tuba can make. And I think we need you to make it."

"I don't have a tuba," I said, fumbling for excuses. I mean, tubas aren't cool, are they?

"I do," he said. "And I'll be happy to teach you how to play it. You'll love it. Playing the tuba is cool! And you'll really help the band."

How could I say "no" to that? Especially the "cool" part.

And you know what? It turned out that playing the tuba WAS pretty cool. In fact, two years later I was marching down Main Street U.S.A. in Disneyland with a terrific high school band, having the time of my young life because a good teacher refused to give up on me and kept trying to find a way to help me to be successful.

And how cool is that?

YOUTH NEWS



In February, our youth decorated for the annual sweetheart dinner and attended the dinner. Thanks to Gail Washburn for all of the great prizes.

In March, nineteen attended our first youth outing to a trampoline park—Lennox, Abby, Reagan, Kendall, Jonathan, Marvin, Jean, Mandy, Libby, Frankie, Rachel, Katie G., Bailey, Finley, Brienna, Grace, Caydence, Kylene & Brielle. We ended our trip with food and milkshakes at Cook Out. THANKS SESSION, for sending us.



Also in March and April, Brenda Linkenhoker will be working with the youth on the Easter Sunrise Service.

APRIL CALENDAR:

- Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 p.m. Senior Youth will hide eggs at 1:00 p.m. All ages are invited. Bring your own basket and a few friends.
- Sunday the 28th—Rock Party/Pizza Party immediately after church—Youth will paint ROCKS. These rocks will be placed around the church and around the community. Any age youth is encouraged to come—we want lots of kids, so adults are also encouraged to attend. Debbie Bennett, our own church decorator will help us with painting designs. Sign up on bulletin board at steps. Being a T-shirt or change of clothes. Pizza, painting, fun, and good Christian Fellowship. PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND.



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*Maundy Thursday Service
7 p.m. @ McAllister Church*

*Good Friday Service
7:30 p.m. @ First Presbyterian*

Easter Sunday—April 21

*6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
@ Sponaugle's /Cliffview*

*8:30 a.m.— Full Breakfast
@ McAllister Church*

*CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
@ 11:00 a.m.*

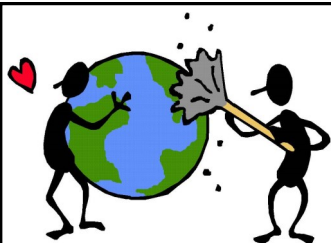
Stamp Out Hunger

The National Association of **Letter Carriers'** Stamp Out Hunger **Food Drive**, is taking place on Saturday May 11th.

Our Prayer Concerns

Tillie Agnor	Randell Dilley	Doris Jamison	Cathy Rowan
Midge Akers	Elizabeth Donnally	Rev. Ernie Johnson	B.R. Rupert
Geraldine Allen	Alan Downer	Becky Jonas	Burdette Rupert
Doc Altizer	Becky Downer	Wendell & Judy Jones	Harold Sharp
Julie Altizer	Leslie Downer	Butch Kemper	Dee Dee Simpson
Randy Anderson	Priscilla Downer	Susan Taylor-Kennedy	Judy Washburn Smith
Patrick Andrews	Rick Downer	Pam Key	Pat Smith
Jan Taylor Armentrout	Hallie Dressler	Bill Keyser	Monzell Sovereign
Erskine Back	Irene Drumheller	Sadie Landis	Angie Sponaugle
Tony Baker	Bobby Eggleston	Bobby & Debi Leitch	Frank & Susan Sponaugle
Bob Bartley	Kaylee Elmore	Trucky & Carole Lemon	Sally Steele
Chuck Bartley	Lee & Lelia Fadley	Germaine Levisay	Gary Stone
Daryl Bartley	Shirley Ferris	Carol Linkenhoker	Ruby Stull
Joyce Bartley	Barbara & Lem Fitzgerald	Bonnie Lockhart	Ethan Thompson
Steve Bartley	Ruth Fleming	Pat & Lynda Loving	Tootles Tingler
Lucille Beasley	Jim & Barbara Flint	David & Phyllis Lynn	Alex Treble
Carla Beretti	Donna Fox	Frankie Marshall	Carolyn Tolley
Linda Gurd Bogar	Helen Deisher-Fox	Pam Martin	Betty Jean Toombs
Mary Bosserman	Ike Fox	Patsy Martin	Darrell & Donna Tucker
Becky Bowers	Richard Fox	Bob & Winnie McAllister	Pete Turner
Vicky Brosto	Bo Fridley	Pearl Miller	Debbie Tyree
Jean Broughman	Courtney Fridley	Sonya Milton	Dwain Tyree
Cody Brown	Ann & Earl Fuller	Katie Moody	Buddy Vass
Edna Buffaloe	Mitchell Garcia	Kathy Lockhart Nicely	Kimberly Wade
Doris Burley	Bill Gibson	Patty Nicely	Barbara & Danny Warlitrner
Emily Byer	Eddie Gibson	Max Nunley	Gail Washburn
Lee Cabaniss	Robert & Gail Gibson	Travis O'Rourke	Carolyn Waugh
Elwood Cadd	Vance Gibson	Patsy Parker	Ananda Webb
Teresa Calvert	Jonathan Gillette	Bonnie Patterson	Dennis Whitehead
Jean & Harry Casey	Evan Groves	Heather Paxton	Louise Whitehead
Betsy Caul	Charity Hale	Edna Pettit	Christy Wiley
Junior Clarke	Charles Hall	Teresa Powell	Angie Wilkerson
Sandra Clemmons	Don Hampton	Glen & Dianne Propps	Thelma Hostetter Wilkosz
Ricky Cooke	Richard Hastings	Betty Ray	Anita Williams
Curtis Craft	Steve Hayse	Peggy Redmon	Eddie Williams
Harold Craft	Etha Hayslett	Clifford Reynolds	Donna Wilson
Steven Craft	Rhoda & Danny Hill	Roy Lee Reynoles	Joe Wimer
Calvin Crawford	Gene Hinton	Frank & April Reysn	Joey Wimer
James Crawford	Joshua Hoel	Jim Reysn	Betty Wolfe
Luke Crawford	Fran Hoffman	James & Linda Rice	Gail Seay Wolfe
Paul Crizer, Jr.	Shannon Holloway	Ray & Cathy Riddleberger	Linda Payton Wolfe
Patty Reynolds Crosier	James Hoover	Fran Riley	Lillian Wood
Bob & Wynona Crush	Neil Horn	Libby Riley	Shirley Wright
Kathy Crutchfield	Becky Hunter	Shelby Rock	Buddy Young
Imagine Deeds	Carl & Jean Irvine	David Rothwell	

McAllister Church PNC



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

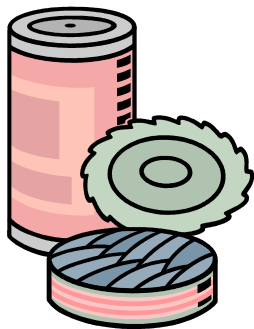
Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day now includes events in more than 193 countries.



The Men of Mission
 will meet at 8 a.m.,
 Tuesday, April 9th
 and May 14th
 at Boy's Home for breakfast.
 All *MEN* are invited to attend.



April 21st and May 19th will be our monthly COPE Food Collection Days. The demand for food has continued to increase over the last year. Because of this, it is becoming more difficult to provide food for the needy families in our community.



All types of non-perishable food is needed in the food pantry. Collection boxes will be available in the foyer and the lobby. Please help the food pantry remain well stocked for those in need.

(Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.)

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meetings

Circle # 2 will meet
 April 10th & May 8th
 @ 10 a.m. at the church

Circle # 3 will meet
 April 9th & May 14th
 @ 5:30 p.m. at the church

Circle # 4 will meet April 9th
 @ 1:30 p.m. at the church
 May 14th @ 12:00 p.m.
 TBA

Next CT Meetings
May 5th
at 10:30 a.m.



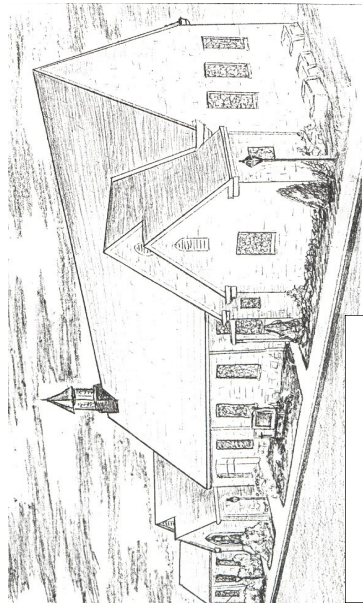
PUBLICATION DEADLINES

All information for the Sunday bulletin *must* be turned in by **12 noon each Thursday.**

The deadline for the **June/July/August** newsletter will be **May 13th at 5:00 p.m.** Please submit all information, in writing, to the church office by that time.

Newsletter folding day will be Thursday, May 23rd @ 1:30 p.m.

Spring Gathering



Organized December 10, 1918

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Pastor's email ~ mcmpastor@lumos.net

McAllister Church
invites you to join us at one of our services.

SUNDAY

Sunday School— 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service— 11:00 a.m.

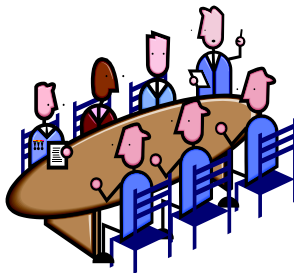
Clerk of Session— James E. Faidley, Jr.
Minister of Music—Kathy Crutchfield
Secretary/Treasurer—Janet Linkenhoker
Custodian/Sexton— Anita Boone
Organist—Elizabeth Leitch Dreszer

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*Stated Session Meetings
will be Sunday,
May 19th @ 12:15 p.m.*



Church office closed

**Easter Holiday
April 22st**



May 27th