

McAllister Messenger

July 2022

A Word From Your Pastor

~ Ordinary Time ~

The Christian calendar marks a number of different special seasons. There is Advent, a four-week time leading up to Christmas; the twelve days of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Christ; the 40 days of Lent, which is a preparation for Holy Week; Holy Week, when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ; and the seven weeks of Easter.

Between these special seasons comes something called Ordinary Time. It is when the paraments in the sanctuary are green. We are currently in the second period of Ordinary Time. It is the longer of the two periods, stretching from Pentecost in late May or early June, all the way to Christ the King Sunday in late November.

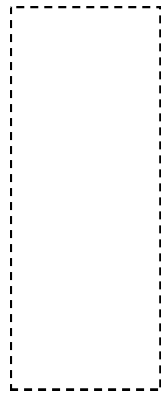
The word “ordinary” means “the regular or customary condition or course of things.” But there is nothing regular or customary about Ordinary Time. It is still a special time when are called to be God’s people. It is not a time to slip into a pattern or a rut. So what can we do to not let Ordinary Time be so ordinary?

First, we can make our worship vital and energizing. We can come before the Lord with repentant and hopeful hearts. Second, we can devote ourselves to prayer. We can “pray without ceasing,” as the Scripture commands. Finally, we can commit ourselves to acts of service. We can live out our faith through our actions out in the world. In short, we can treat each week as if it is one of the special seasons on the church calendar.

So how will you make Ordinary time into “extraordinary time?” How will you make these weeks of summer and fall into very special weeks? Let us give thanks for all of the seasons on our Christian calendar, and let us make the most of our Ordinary Time.



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Happy Birthday

- 1st Abigail Poague
- 2nd Neil Horn
Rebecca Hudson
Evan Bishop
- 3rd Amy Bishop
- 4th Rilee Webb
- 6th Roberta Whitmer Horn
- 7th Judy Whitehead
- 10th Bert Caul
- 11th Amy Hoover
Sierra Daily
- 13th Brandon Sponaugle
- 14th Kyndle Koonce
- 20th Jerry Givens, Sr.
- 21st Chuck Bartley
- 22nd Dorothy Wimer
- 23rd Jeana Lee Colberg
- 24th Jagger Rowland
- 26th Larry Whitmer
- 28th Margie Young
Larry Washburn
- 29th Parker Hudson
- 31st Tori Paxton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3rd Harry & Jean Casey
- 4th Aubrey & Pat Bowling
- 8th April & Dusty Rowland
- 15th Charity & Nathan Hale
- 20th Tracey & Terri Walker
- 25th Kylene & David Smith
- 31st Debbie & Steve Bennett



Please join us in welcoming **Patty Anderson**, who joined by letter of transfer from South Covington United Methodist Church in April. She resides in Clifton Forge. She has two children. Her daughter, Katherine “Katie” Anderson Carillo and her husband, Edward, live in the Harrisonburg area and have two children—Mila (4) and Luna Carrillo (7 months). Nathan & Mayumi Anderson, her son & daughter-in-law, live in Pittsburgh, PA where they are in medical school. Please be sure to introduce yourself (if you have not) and help us give Patty a warm, McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church welcome.

Thank you!
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THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THOSE WHO DONATED TOYS AND/OR MONEY TO UPDATE THE NURSERY. ANOTHER BIG “THANKS” TO THOSE WHO HELPED CLEAN AND GET THE AREA REORGANIZED AND OPERATIONAL FOR THE KIDS AGAIN. YOUR EFFORTS HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED AND ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Prayer Concerns:

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| Harry Casey | Bridgett Andrews | Kenny Bird | Bedford tornado victims |
| Judy Mills | Rhonda Barnett | Jason Burns | Mary Brown |
| Lori Parris | Deborah Buckner | Chris Ann Carson (Lipes) | Carolyn Grady Thomas |
| Darlene Taylor | June Anne Cooke | Louise Lipes—Chris Ann’s mother | Abby Holbrook |
| Makayla Webb | Kenny Duncan | | Margie Leavine |
| Linda Wickham | Tonya Jones | Chad Cochran | James Napier |
| Dolly Whitehead | George Leitch | Gus & Becky Hayslett | Jeff Whitt’s brother |
| Paul Linkenhoker | Cody Long | Hubert Kennedy | Norman Persinger Family |
| Brenda Linkenhoker | James Rice | Jay Lockhart | 2022 Graduates |
| Pat Martin | Richard Shull | Berkley Mays | Ukraine & Russia |
| Abigail Poague | David & Angie Sponaugle | Robbie Miller | United States |
| Sharon Rose | Robb Elementary School & Uvalde, TX community | Chris Myers | |
| Dianne Walker | | Eddie Watson | |
| Clarence “Gut” Twitty | | Donald Kelley (missing) | |
| | | Family of Donald Kelley | |

CONSTANT NEED—Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, Bob & Leta Bartley, Gary Bartley, Linda Bogar, Harry & Jean Casey, Steven Craft, Luke Crawford, Patty Crosier, Leslie Downer, Betty Gibson, Evan Groves, Barbara Flint, Debbie Fraley, Derwood Garrett, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Neil Horn, Lori Issacs, Wendell & Judy Jones, Pam Key, Pearl Miller, Sonya Milton, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Patsy Parker, Denise Pillow, Ethan Thompson, Buddy Vass, Larry & Pat Whitmer, Martha Wilhelm, Shirley Wickline, Dot & Joey Wimer, Linda Payton Wolfe, Buddy Young



BRIAN CENTER—Bill Lockhart, David Lynn

SCOTT HILL—Phyllis Lynn, Sara Mays, Mary Whitehead

SPRINGS NURSING CENTER—Andy Howell

SHUT-IN—Joyce Bartley, Jean Broughman, Etha Hayslett, Bonnie Patterson, Martha Wilhelm

MILITARY

Kristopher Hoffman
Colton Poague
Chris Whitehead

MISSIONARIES

Tom & Judy Harvey
Kurt Esslinger/
Hyeyoung Lee

Tim Barnett has personally asked that we keep his wife, Rhonda Barnett, who suffered a stroke on June 4th in our thoughts & prayers. She is still hospitalized but improving daily.

DEATHS

Linda Salyers Alfier
Arturo Agbo
“Scotty” Armstrong
Susie Hoke Ayers
John Bradley
Susie Brinkley
Deborah Cornwell
Jerry Burley
Robert Bush
Verlie Craft

Marvin Dunaway
Mary Elmore
Ruth Fix
Edith Irene Forbes
Ann Gill
Norman Goldberg
Pauline Harrison
Charlotte G. Hilton
Brenda Humphries
Brian Humphries
Orville Jenkins, Sr.
James Johnson

Sheila Kerns
Doris Kyle
Don “DonDon” Kirby
Ruth Lett
Marie Martin
Ashby May
Elizabeth Sharp
Jimmy Simpson, Jr.
Dalton “Jack” Stull
Elizabeth Stuple
Wayne Thomas
Donnie Underwood

Carole Unroe
Jerry Lee Via
Charles White
Bobby Williams
Judy Williams
Golden Wright





Notes From Pastor Jim

- ◆ We are seeking volunteers to help with the nursery on Sunday mornings and with children’s church. Please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary.
- ◆ The youth are taking a kayak trip down the Jackson River on Sunday, August 14th after worship. Anyone of any age is welcome. Please plan on joining us for this “church float”.
- ◆ I will be on vacation from July 4—July 10th. Patty Anderson will be preaching on Sunday, July 10th.

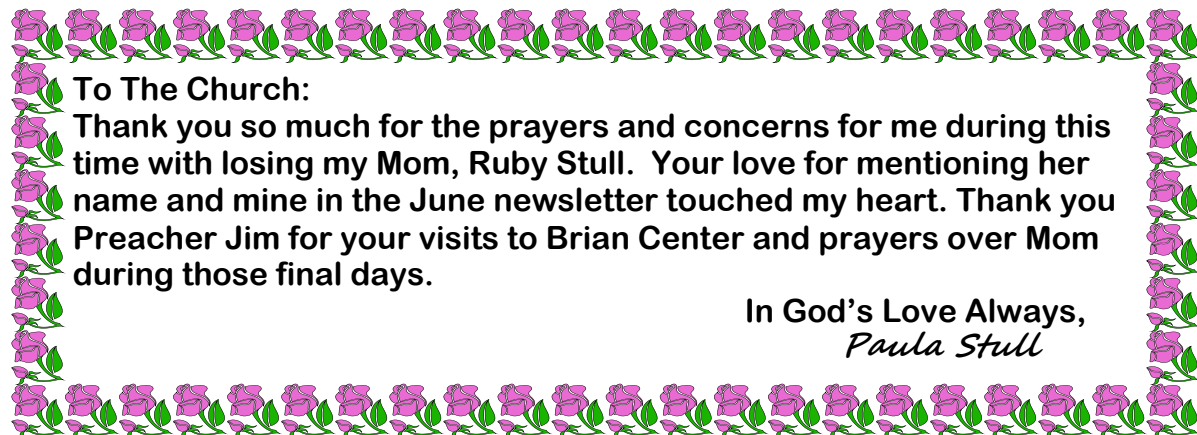
REMINDER:

The church office will be closed on **MONDAY, JULY 4TH** in observance of Independence Day.



UPDATE: Parking Lots

Both parking lots have been completely repaved and refinished. The new lines have also been applied— it all looks fantastic. Thank you Gary Rice for heading up this effort.



To The Church:

Thank you so much for the prayers and concerns for me during this time with losing my Mom, Ruby Stull. Your love for mentioning her name and mine in the June newsletter touched my heart. Thank you Preacher Jim for your visits to Brian Center and prayers over Mom during those final days.

In God’s Love Always,
Paula Stull

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 24—
Thursday, July 28
6pm—8pm



Please join us and bring your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors to this special event.

Volunteers are still needed. The sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary or contact Margaret Moss (434-738-8512) if you would like to help.

Dinner served nightly followed by times for Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, and storytelling. Don't miss it!

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

Please consider donating to our 2022 Vacation Bible School “Knights of the North Castle—Quest for the King’s Armor” in order to help offset costs (food primarily). **THANK YOU** to those having already so kindly donated!!

To donate, please complete the form below & return it to the church by U.S. Mail or drop your donation by the church office (to be forwarded to Debbie Rodgers). Thank you in advance. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

SPONSOR: _____

AMOUNT: _____



Musical Minute:

For as long as I can remember, I've loved birds. One of my earliest memories is sitting next to my Grandfather Leitch on the edge of his bed watching birds at a feeder attached to the sill outside the window of his downstairs bedroom. His health was failing and his bed had been moved to the dining room so that he could be amid family. I remember him smiling as we watched the cardinals and other birds dart back and forth to the feeder, vying for position. I'm not a fanatical bird watcher, but I know my way around a Peterson Field Guide and I've been known to note in our bird guide the date of the first sighting of some of our favorite spring visitors.

The months of June and July bring an abundance of new bird life to our place out Potts Creek. As the days begin to lengthen in early spring the male songbirds, sporting colorful seasonal finery and singing their most elaborate arias from the tops of the trees and the rooftop, get busy attracting mates. Soon our birdhouses, shrubs, trees, and any bit of vacant real estate under the eaves of the house, the front porch, and deck are inhabited by all manner of feathered neighbors.

Each spring a Carolina Wren claims our house as his territory, singing from all corners of the roof, front and back, beginning somewhere between 4:30 and 5:00 every morning. How can something so diminutive and delicate make such a racket? We especially appreciate our spunky little wrens as they are year round residents, displaying bold tenacity and fortitude on even the iciest, most frigid winter days. This year we've had multiple families of House Finches in the decorative dentils under the gutters, each raising several broods so far. Although not native to our state, the house finch is a beautiful bird with a melodious song. The Eastern Phoebes are lovely, subtly colored birds who leave a twiggy, muddy mess on the floor and behind the lanterns on the front porch. Insect eaters, the Phoebes are tolerant of their human neighbors and don't mind nesting right above or beside the front door. We've been blessed each year to have a couple of our houses inhabited by Eastern Bluebirds. They're insect eaters and when they drop from a limb to pursue a meal, it looks as though a piece of the heavens has dropped to the ground. The spirited Brown Thrashers are always welcome springtime visitors, nesting in a dense rose bush and vigorously tossing mulch and leaves around while scavenging for insects. While the Brown Headed Cowbird is not especially welcome (They are a "parasitic" species which leaves their lone egg in someone else's nest to be raised by the unassuming host parents.), they do have a charming warbling song like a babbling brook. And I could go on for days about my beloved American Crows. They're intelligent, inquisitive, wary, and vocal (okay—squawky). And I adore them.

These days, our electronic devices and tablets can get in the way of our interactions with nature (not to mention our interactions with family and friends), but a couple of years

ago I discovered a wonderful app for my smartphone that actually enhances and broadens my birdwatching experience. The Merlin Bird ID from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great app for beginning and experienced birders alike and there is a great feature called "Sound ID." All you have to do is walk out on your porch, or stick your phone out the window of your home or car, and push a button on your smartphone screen. The app immediately begins to record and identify any birds in the area. One evening in mid-May I was delighted to learn that my chatty avian friends included not only the usual suspects — the Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Wren and Red-bellied Woodpecker, but also the Scarlet Tanager and Red-eyed Vireo (both here only during breeding season according to my guide).

It's fascinating and miraculous to witness how nature provides for everything in its season—blossoms for the returning Hummingbirds, little green worms hanging from the trees for the newly hatched Bluebirds, all manner of bugs, grubs, grasshoppers and spiders, and yes, even songbird eggs and tiny hatchlings for the reawakened snakes in the vicinity. Perhaps Psalm 147 (verses 7-9) sums it up best:

"Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the the young ravens which cry."

Have a great start to summer!

Beth

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Circle 3: TBA

Circle 4: will meet at church on Wednesday, July 13th at 12:30.

ADULT CHOIR & BIBLE STUDY

Adult Choir & Adult Bible Study will not meet regularly for the remainder of "summer" (June-August). Both will resume after Labor Day.

August Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information & prayer requests by email, U.S. mail, or phone. August newsletter deadline is Wednesday, July 20th. Thank You.

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