

McAllister Messenger

JUNE 2022

A Word From Your Pastor

The Underrated Holiday

Pentecost is the most underrated of all the holidays on the Christian calendar. Given what happened on that day, it should be up there with Christmas and Easter in importance. But instead, it runs a distant third to those two major holidays in how we celebrate it.

Pentecost is so important because it is the birthday of the church. It is the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered in Jerusalem. This coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled the promise that Jesus had made when he ascended in heaven. He promised that they would be “baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (from Acts 1:5)

When the Spirit came, it was quite an exhibition. There was a sound like the rush of a violent wind. Divided tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of the disciples. And they all began to speak in other languages, and each one could hear the others speaking in their native languages.

Then, Peter stood up and gave a powerful sermon that outlined the truth of the resurrection and the way the prophets had foretold it. Thousands of people were converted to faith in Jesus Christ. All in all, it was an amazing day that kicked off the extraordinary stories of how the early Christian faith spread and grew.

Given this incredible nature of Pentecost Day, it really does deserve status as a major Christian holiday. So although we might not put up a Pentecost tree, sing Pentecost carols, or have a Pentecost egg hunt, we can still make it a big holiday. We can come to worship that Sunday (June 5) and wear red. We can sing “Happy Birthday” to the church. And we can look for ways that the Holy Spirit is moving in our lives. Let’s celebrate this Pentecost with joy and with passion. And let us give thanks for the Holy Spirit which sustains and inspires us.



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June Birthdays

- 3rd Joe Martin
- 7th Molly Parker
George Stinnett
- 10th Kellen Sponaugle
- 14th Jennifer Horn Lodge
Eric Webb
David Keith
- 15th Hayli Givens
- 16th Maggie Webb
- 18th Howard Poague
- 19th Marlene Faidley
- 20th Robert Boone
- 21st Ed Gibson
- 23rd Maddox Hale
- 24th Tarie Warlitrer
Katie Gibson
- 25th Leta Bartley
Wayne Barksdale
Linda Wickham
- 27th Aubrey Bowling
Silas Riley
- 28th Donna Tucker
- 30th Anita Boone
Jeff Horn



Anniversaries

- 2nd Bobby & Anita Rice
Rick & Leslie Downer
- 3rd Chris & Ruth Caul
Jerry & Katrina Givens
- 7th Mike & Carol Fleenor
- 9th Lee & Lelia Fadley
- 12th Gail & Larry Washburn
Marshall & Donna Fox
- 14th Danny & Rhoda Hill
- 21st Frank & Susan Sponaugle
Gary & Beverly Bishop
- 29th Buddy & Margie Young

Father's Day - June 19th

Remember your father on this day with a kind word or deed. Bring him to church alongside you or attend church with him. If your father has passed on, spend a moment saying a prayer for him.



We also recognize in June...

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

June 3rd-wear orange

JUNETEENTH
Celebrate Freedom
JUNE 19

JUNE 20

World Refugee Day

WORLD AIDS DAY

JUNE 27

Prayer Concerns

Samuel Moss
Bonnie Patterson
Jane Whiteside
Abigail Poague
All 2022 Graduates
Rick Noel
Jackie Craft
June Anne Cooke
Dee Dee Smith
Rhonda Mayberry
Sandra Fox
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Fox
Richard Riley
Pam Key
Rev. Dennis Nicely, Sr.
Dr. Kirk
The Gibson Family
Margaret Griffith
"Tillie" Agnor Family
Paula Stull
Priscilla Moncus
Rickey May
Mike Hayner
Carol Unroe
Buffalo, NY
Robb Elementary School—
Uvalde, Texas

Donald Kelley (missing)
Family of Donald Kelley
Tim Dick
Amy Hatcher Kirby
Don Kirby
Kenny Duncan
Kole Caldwell
Virginia Stewart
Family of Rose Fisher
Family of Ruby Stull
Family of Harvey Dobbs
Linda Sizer
Rylee Reynolds
Scott & Jeanne Ross
Rhaelynn Crawford
Dennis Brinkley
Sandy Thompson
Margie Leavine
Craig Nicely
Tracy Wiggman
Tootles Tingler
Chris Ann Carson
Jacob Downer
Richard & Priscilla Downer
The O'Neill Family
Sharon Walls

Nicole Armentrout
James Gibson
Brenda & Ronnie Wallace

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
Allen Hickman
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

*Our Nation
Ukraine & Russia
Covid—19 Patients
Elected Officials
Non Believers
President Biden
Prisoners
U.S. Troops
Students/*



BRIAN CENTER—Bill Lockhart, David Lynn

SCOTT HILL—Phyllis Lynn, Sarah 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

DEATHS

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Ruby Stull
mother of Paula Stull

Lula Brook
sister of Pam Key

Evelyn "Tillie" Agnor
Member (inactive—Tampa, FL)

Chuck Bradley	Sue Miller
Julie Kelley	Rhonda Plumley
James Pritt, Jr.	James Pritt, Jr.
Robert Tornatore	Tracy Wilkinson
Crystal Vess	Ryland Wolfe
Betty Crowder	Evelyn "Tillie" Agnor
Rose Fisher	Ronald Arritt
Howard Hammond	Lula Brook
Patsy McKinney	Robert Campbell, Jr.
Kathrin Sargent	David Carroll, Sr.
Ruby Stull	Lana Simpson Kyle
Jack Williams	Johrnee Lowry
Carol Wright	Sammy Miller
William Wright	Gloria Martin Nicely
Sherry Allen	James O'Conner, Sr.
Janet Jarvis	Brenda Weikle
Carolyn Landis	



Notes From Pastor Jim

We will be having a special Pentecost lunch Sunday, June 5th immediately following worship. The church will provide chicken. Please bring a side dish to share. Join us for a good time of fellowship filled with the Holy Spirit!

We are excited to have our nursery and the young children's Sunday school back in action. We need volunteers to help teach, as well as volunteers for the children's church (where the children go during worship after the children's sermon). Please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary or call Margaret Moss at 434-738-8512 if you would like to volunteer.

Average Sunday **worship service attendance** in the month of **May** was **69*** (57/88/64/68).

**This excludes Sunday, May 29 as it occurred post print & mailing of the June newsletter.*

Hello, Happy Spring (almost Summer) to everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on our church's efforts to meet the needs of our members. As Chairman of the Witness and Evangelism Committee, I would like to invite everyone who is able to come back to our in-person worship services and Sunday School. We have the Adult Sunday School Class which meets in the Fellowship Hall and the Nursery, K thru Fifth, and Grades 6-12 as well. We have had two weeks of good attendance in the Nursery and K thru Fifth. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improving our outreach, please contact me. Hoping to see you back in person!

*Debbie Rodgers
Chairman of Witness and Evangelism*



~ **Thomas & Helen Scott**
for the Scott Scholarship Fund by John L. Scott

~ **Ruby Stull** by Lee Ann Poague,
Danny & Debbie Rodgers, Butch & Norma Curtin

~ **Kitty Carson** by Joe & Pat Martin

~ **Evelyn "Tillie" Agnor** by Charlotte Baker

~ **Matthew Rodgers** for the Nursery by
Danny & Debbie Rodgers



Announcements

Cope Food Pantry: The COPE Food Pantry is expanding its hours of operation. Now, in addition to Thursday mornings, they will be distributing food from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. If you would like to volunteer for these times, please call Gus Hayslett at 540-309-0180. Volunteers help load the shopping carts with food, push them up to the curb, and help load the groceries into people's cars. Thank you for volunteering! Also, food costs (as we all painfully know) are on the rise. Consider donating - there is a bin for COPE located in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. Also, plastic grocery bag donations are appreciated!

Toys: With the recent restart of the Nursery at McAllister Church, we need toys. Please take a look around and see if you have any you would like to donate. Thank you in advance!

NEW McAllister Youth Theater: We have received a grant from the Presbytery for a drama program. Anyone interested in helping form this initiative can contact Tammy Scruggs-Duncan at 969-9800 or tlscruggs@aol.com with any interest or questions.

STATED SESSION MEETING:

Sunday, June 12th—immediately following worship service



Print Deadlines

Please submit information for bulletins by **Thursdays at 3pm** & for the JULY newsletter by **Wednesday, June 22.**

Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

CIRCLE #3 June Meeting
TBA later in Sunday worship
Bulletin ~ stay tuned!

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**CIRCLE #4** will meet  
Tuesday, June 14 @ 12:30  
(Cliffview Golf Club)

Mark your calendar—FINALLY!!  
It's time for....

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



Please bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors to this special event. Volunteer sign up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary or contact Margaret Moss at 434-738-8512 or [moss3401@gmail.com](mailto:moss3401@gmail.com).

\*Dinner served nightly!



“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.” Ephesians 6:10

Unfortunately, there were no applications submitted for the Scott Scholarship for 2022 as there are simply no members of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church graduating (as required). However, we would like to recognize again and take a look back at all of the former recipients:

|      |                        |                                      |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2000 | Jennifer (Bush) Hannah | Virginia Tech                        |
| 2001 | Missy Washburn Reid    | Mary Baldwin                         |
| 2002 | Jennifer Horn          | Roanoke College                      |
| 2003 | Lorrie W. Keister      | Radford University                   |
| 2004 | Eric Hayslett          | James Madison University             |
| 2005 | Jenna Lee              | Liberty University                   |
| 2006 | Megan Boone            | Mary Baldwin                         |
| 2007 | Kylene (Riley) Smith   | Radford University                   |
| 2008 | Brittany Young         | UVA                                  |
| 2009 | Jacob Downer           | VCU                                  |
|      | Patrick Scruggs        | Jefferson College of Health Sciences |
| 2010 | Kaitlyn Potter         | VCU                                  |
| 2011 | Heather Young          | DSLCC                                |
| 2012 | Cody Nida              | DSLCC                                |
|      | Katie Riley            | Radford University                   |
| 2013 | Jared Downer           | VCU                                  |
|      | Mahaley Reyns          | DSLCC                                |
| 2014 | Kelley Tingler         | Radford University                   |
| 2015 | Tarie Warlitner        | Jefferson College of Health Sciences |
|      | Kelsey Young           | Roanoke College                      |
| 2016 | Maggie Webb            | DSLCC                                |
|      | Derek Gibson           | DSLCC                                |
| 2017 | Makayla Webb           | Wytheville Community College         |
|      | Adam Tingler           | James Madison University             |
|      | Holden Broughman       | James Madison University             |
| 2018 | Danielle Conner        | Radford University                   |
|      | Kelley Tingler         | Radford University                   |
|      | Maggie Webb            | New River CC/Va Tech                 |
| 2019 | Makenzie Shifflett     | Virginia Tech                        |
|      | Olivia Bryant          | DSLCC                                |
| 2020 | Justin Leitch          | DSLCC                                |
|      | Rachel Kinsey          | DSLCC                                |
| 2021 | Rachel Reyns           | DSLCC                                |
|      | Maryemma Shifflett     | Purdue University                    |



# The T. Stratton & Helen J. Scott Scholarship Fund

## MEMORIALIZED BY THE PROGRAM

**Church Service:** The Stratton & Helen Jamison Scott Scholarship was initially founded in October 1999 in honor of two pillars of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church. Stratton joined in 1925 while Helen was a member since 1934. The succeeding decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century witnessed the Scotts' extraordinary service to their church. Stratton served as a deacon and elder. Helen was a Sunday School teacher and rendered service as a deaconess, committee worker, circle chairman, Bible teacher and President of the Women of the Church. In the larger church community, Helen also worked with local Christian youth and served as District Chairman and Vice President of the Presbyterian, as well as Treasurer of the Synod of Virginia. They celebrated their 77<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2005 prior to Stratton's passing. Helen passed away ten years later in 2015.

**Community Service:** Both Stratton and Helen performed extensive civic outreach throughout their lives. Stratton served as Past Master of the Covington Masonic Lodge #171 and District Grand Master of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District. Stratton also was active with the city food bank and food pantry at McAllister Church. Stratton and Helen both volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program. Helen is a past President of the Covington Women's Club and served on the city planning commission. She was also past President of the VFW Auxiliary to Post 1033. Both were deeply rooted in the community and open to calls upon their expertise and energies.

**Education Promotion:** Both Stratton and Helen were educated at the old Jeter School and Boiling Springs High School, respectively, and their regard for the educational process and their assistance of those who sought to better themselves through education was lifelong. They donated money and clothing to students throughout the years, but Stratton and Helen also were generous in giving of their time and even of their privacy- advising, encouraging, and housing students as needed. In short, the Scotts' promotion of education was a special ministry of the couple, and it is appropriate that a scholarship fund bears their name.

## NATURE OF THE FUND

**Perpetuity** – The Stratton and Helen Jamison Scott Scholarship is a perpetual fund. Throughout its inception and tenure, the fund has continually been maintained & contributed to by Thomas Stratton Scott, Jr., John Lewis Scott, other members of the Jamison & Scott families, and members of McAllister Church. The principal will not be depleted; therefore, the scholarship will persist as a memorial fund. The current scholarship stipend is set to be \$1000 per award. The scholarship is a gift, not a loan. Donations to the fund are encouraged, as the increase of the principle invested will yield larger scholarship stipends in the future.

The Scott Scholarship's inaugural recipients were awarded in 2000. The scholarship committee consists of Ed Gibson, Rebecca Hayslett, Anita Rice and Gina Tingler.

~~~~~Thank You~~~~~

To Our Loving McAllister Family,

I have been going down "memory lane" a lot recently and when I do, I find you there. When we began attending McAllister Church several years ago, we found old friends and new friends. And our Teresa made herself right at home! Her first new friends were Pastor Mike and Carol Fleenor. Oh, how she loved them and they loved her in return. Teresa did love going to church. I told my dad (over 40 years ago) that if all of God's children loved going to church like Teresa did, this world would be a much better place. She loved Jesus & knew about Heaven! She began and ended her day with a kiss blown towards Heaven.

She settled into the Covenant Sunday School class very easily. Every Sunday morning, she liked the "fuss" by all the guys moving chairs to make a place for her. She especially liked her special greeting by Jerry and Howard. She loved when her dad taught Sunday School because she and Howard would time him so he wouldn't go over.

And you all know how she loved her "bling"! Her sister Leslie started that trend of fancy clothes and new jewelry. Many of you contributed to her collection. The Gibson's would bring her something new every summer from their beach trip. Anita often added to her collection of bling as well. Leslie told her once that she could not keep up with Darlene, Wanda, and Pearl - the high fashion girls! Joey suggested that she might be going to church for the wrong reason - to show off her bling. And let's not forget Pam who was always sure to bring her a shot glass from each of her travels.

Some friends Teresa had known for many years including her favorite church friend, Lisa Cooke. Pam and Pearl go way back to her school days. Darlene had been a friend for a long time and Teresa was the recipient of many beautiful roses grown and delivered by her. June Ann and Teresa were partners in mischief wherever they showed up together. She sent Teresa cards for 30+ years for every holiday. Speaking of cards, Teresa had received a zillion cards over her life time. And many of them came from you. She would watch Joe every day when he came in with the mail to see if he had some for her!

After all of this rambling down memory lane, what I meant to say was THANK YOU for your love, care, many cards and donations in Teresa's memory. A special thank you to Pastor Jim as well as Andy & Beth Dreszer for working so hard to help us make her celebration of life so very special.

In Christian Love,

Pat, Joe & Family (Craig & Leslie, Joey)



Musical Minute:

Like most everyone, I find that the older I get, the more fleetly the days and months speed by. I know that each day still contains 24 hours, but I'm beginning to guess that someone has lessened the minutes per hour without telling me. Nowhere is the stealthy advance of time more apparent to me than when I drive west on Oak street to cross under the railroad overpass. When I crest the hill at the stoplight directly across from

Covington High School I am faced with a majestic row of towering trees. These beauties were mere saplings when they were planted. This I know because they were a gift to the school from the graduating class of 1983—*my graduating class*.

Although I can scarce believe the number of years that have had to pass for the trees to acquire their impressive stature, I'm afraid that there is visual proof in the 1983 edition of "Puffs and Patches." There I am, pictured on a blustery day with the other class officers grouped around one of the newly planted trees. (One of my fellow officers is my buddy Leslie Powell Nicely—Joe and Pat Martin's daughter!) We all look so young. I'm not sure who thought up the idea of giving trees as the class gift. I think it was determined with the input of the officers, our classmates and advisors, and a few parents. Regardless, it was a good idea. I remember that we all felt proud knowing that the class of 1983's contribution would enhance the school facade and Lexington Avenue for years to come. Years to come . . . In our youthful naïveté I'm not sure at the time that we had any true comprehension of what that phrase really meant. Many of those "years to come" have long since passed and I now know that it means those trees have been in the ground for nearly 40 years and I am no longer seventeen years old.

Leaving the trees aside for the moment, any drive down Lexington Avenue is a journey back in time for me. Following my birth, I came home to my big brother Nicky at 214 N. Lexington. A few years later we moved to 220 N. Lexington, and when I was sixteen we moved to 111 N. Lexington. (The final move was made while I was on a high school Spanish Club trip to Mexico. The family joke was that they intentionally moved without telling me, but that they should have moved farther as I still managed to find them when I returned home!) My grandparents Leitch resided at 318 N. Lexington during my childhood and my great grandparents Loving were just around the corner on Riverside. What a blessing to grow up with grandparents and great grandparents a brief walk away. A trip down Lexington brings memories of games of tag and catching "lightening bugs" on dusky summer nights, sleepovers with friends, and holiday meals and celebrations with aunts, uncles, and cousins at my grandparents. My great grandparents often

hosted Saturday breakfasts, the table laden with food and elegant china, the jams and jellies decanted into cut crystal bowls. I remember being picked up for my first fancy dress dance in high school, working on a piñata made of bleached board and crepe paper for Spanish class, and Nick and I racing home from school to see who would win a seat on the bench at the "good piano" in the living room instead of the ancient one in the den! I adored our dog Fiddlestix (a long-lived, sassy terrier mix who was resident at both 220 and 111), my dear friend Lisa's basset hound, Sock, and my friend Meg's standard poodle, Ouija. In May of 1987 I walked out the front door of 111 N. Lexington to attend my father's funeral at McAllister and I walked out of the same door only seven months later to head to McAllister to become Andrew's wife.

In his recent sermons, Pastor Jim has spoken of his nostalgia for when his now teenage sons were little boys. I watched many of you wistfully nod your heads in agreement and comprehension when he spoke of evening bath time routines and the peaceful joy of reading bedtime stories with little ones snuggled safely in bed—with no thought of the "years to come"—simply and absolutely content to live in the present. I am very much content to live in the present, but like Jim, I occasionally allow myself a little nostalgia. Whether it was all exactly as we remember it, or whether we've embellished and gilded the past, warm and happy memories are a true gift and a welcome respite from present worries and strife. Thank you for allowing me to share some of my memories. And may I recommend that you take a little time to indulge yourself this summer. Spend some time with your best memories. You know they're in there somewhere—just waiting for you to visit—waiting to come alive. Take good care. ~ Beth

Adult Choir Members: *There will be no Tuesday evening choir rehearsal during the months of June, July, and August. The choir will continue to provide music and lead hymns for the Sunday service during these months, so please attend when you are able. I hope we will sing several anthems in June and every voice makes a difference! Please come to the choir loft on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM as usual so that we can rehearse the Choral Call and Benediction Response and any additional music. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work throughout the year.*

To members of the Children's Choir and their families: *Thank you to the young people who helped make Palm Sunday, Easter, and Mother's Day such special occasions at McAllister. Each of the worship services was enhanced by the joyful music of the Children's Choir. I know that all of the families made a special effort to juggle schedules and events and arrange transportation to attend the weekly rehearsals. Please know that you are much appreciated. Thank you all—children, parents and grandparents, and extended family, who make it happen. Also, thank you to Tammy Scruggs-Duncan. Your love for our children and your dedication to the youth music program at McAllister is highly valued by those of us who benefit from your talents and efforts.*